

Bernalillo County Metropolitan Detention Center Monthly Report – April 2023

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Criminal Justice Reforms and the Jail Population

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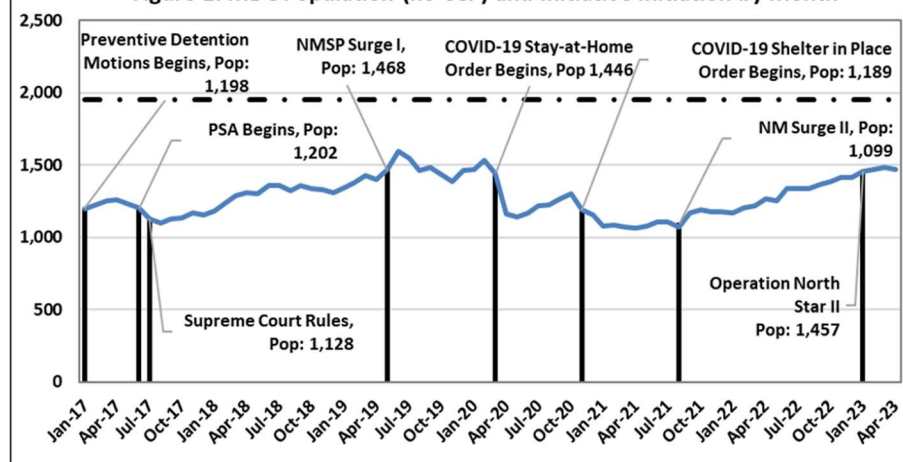
Quick Population Figures ¹	April 22	Nov 22	Dec 22	Jan 23	Feb 23	Mar 23	Apr 23
On-Site Average Daily Population	1,306 (↗)	↗ 1,458	↘ 1,455	↗ 1,498	↗ 1,515	↗ 1,524	↘ 1,506
Average Community Custody Program	50 (↘)	↘ 44	↘ 42	↘ 35	↗ 39	↗ 41	↗ 49
Average Total Jail Population (w/CCP)	1,356 (↗)	↗ 1,502	↘ 1,497	↗ 1,533	↗ 1,554	↗ 1,565	↘ 1,555
Monthly Bookings	1,251 (↗)	↘ 1,283	↗ 1,319	↗ 1,400	↘ 1,319	↗ 1,476	↘ 1,404
Bookings Ages 18-24	192 (↗)	↗ 197	↘ 166	↗ 209	= 209	↗ 207	↘ 222
Monthly Releases	1,251 (↗)	↘ 1,257	↗ 1,327	↗ 1,342	↘ 1,276	↗ 1,507	↘ 1,364
Average Length of Stay (in Days)	31.8 (↗)	↗ 31.6	↗ 31.7	↘ 28.5	↗ 31.6	↗ 38.2	↘ 38.1
Total Consecutive Days 1,950 or Less	3,092 (over 8 years)						

*Arrows show increase or decrease in counts from prior month, with the exception of 2021, which indicates if the equivalent month of the following year is an increase or decrease.

Report Highlights

- The MDC population (on-site) in April 2023 was 1,506, a decrease of 1.2% from March 2023.
- The MDC population has returned to pre-COVID levels.
- Bookings decreased from 4.9% from March 2023 to April 2023 and releases decreased 9.5% over the same period.
- The LOS in April 2023 decreased 0.3% from March 2023 (38.2 days to 38.1 days).
- Short-term returns to custody (within one month) post-COVID have remained lower than pre-COVID.
- In April 2023, 35.1% of motions were denied or dismissed by the courts and 58.1% were granted.

Figure 1. MDC Population (no CCP) and Initiative Initiation by Month

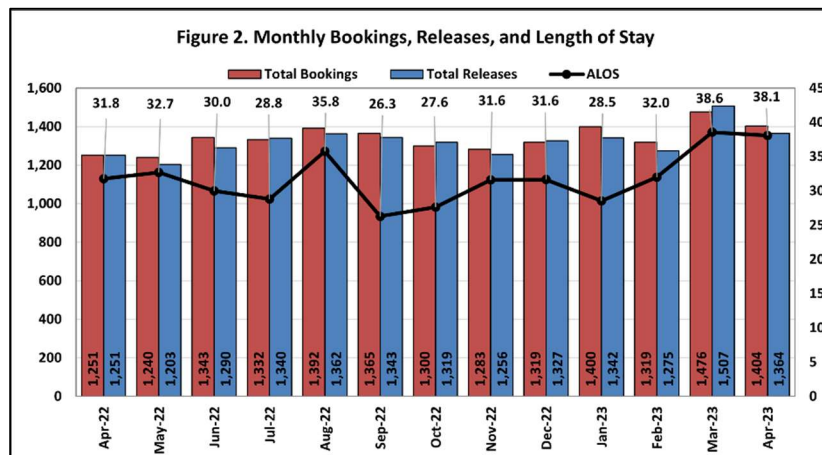


The MDC jail population decreased to a historic low starting in March 2020 began increasing October 2021. In April 2023, the MDC population was 1,555, 14.7% higher than April 2022. **As of September 2022, the MDC population had reached pre-COVID numbers. Since September 2022, the population has increased 6.9%.**

¹ Jail Headcounts have been modified accordingly due to MDC's migration to a new jail management system starting in December 2020.

Bookings, Releases, and Length of Stay

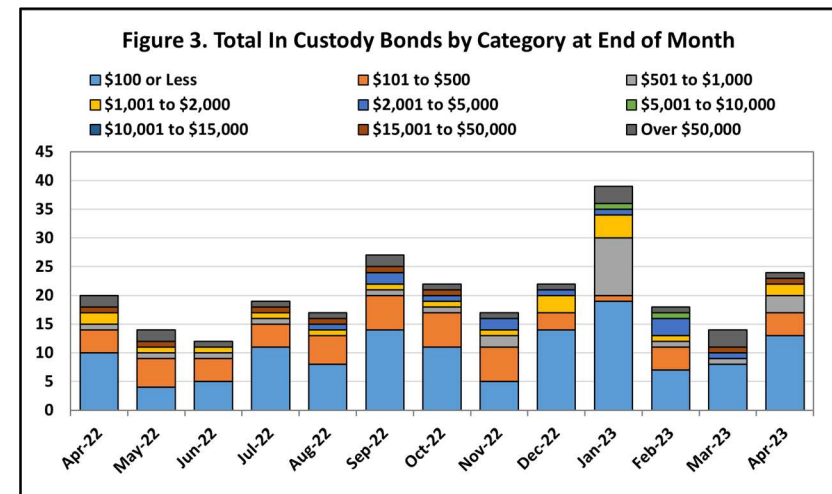
- Jail population is affected by two factors: how many people are booked and how long they are in custody.
- From March 2023 to April 2023 the number of bookings decreased (4.9%) from 1,476 to 1,404, releases also decreased (9.4%) from 1,507 to 1,364 (see Figure 2).
- There were 153 more bookings in April 2023 than in April 2022 (12.2%), and there were 114 more releases in April 2023 than in April 2022 (9.1%).
- The LOS in April 2023 was higher than the LOS in April 2022 by 6.3 days or 19.8%.
- The LOS in April 2023 was 38.1 days, 0.1 days lower than March 2023 or 0.3%



In Custody Bonds

- At the end of the day on April 30, 2023, there were 1,516 inmates in custody.
- Of these, 24 inmates (1.6 %) could have been released if all bonds were paid (see Figure 3).

Of the 24 inmates with a bond, 13 had a bonds totaling \$100 or less (54.2%). 4 had a bond between \$101 and \$500 (16.7%), 3 had a bond between \$501 and \$1,000 (12.5%), 2 had a bond between \$1,001 and \$2,000 (8.3%), 0 had a bond between \$2,001 and \$5,000 (0%), 0 had a bond between \$5,001 and \$10,000 (0%), 1 had a bond between \$15,001 and \$50,000 (4.2%) and 1 person had a bond greater than \$50,000 (4.2%). There were an average of 20 persons in custody on a bond at the end of the month each month during the past 12 months.



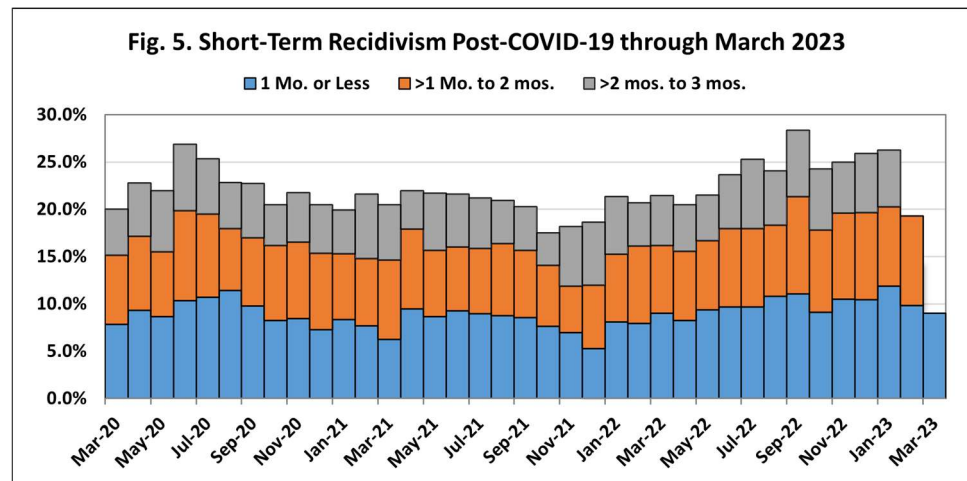
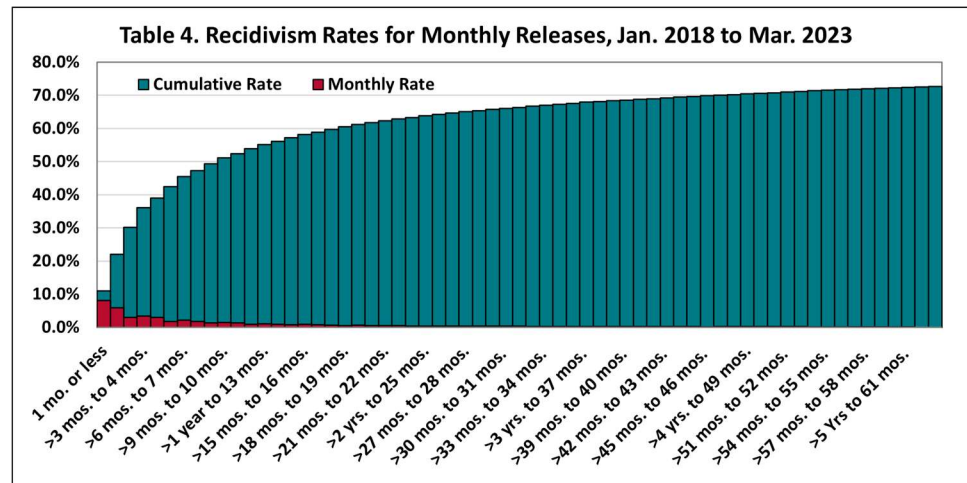
Recidivism

According to the Bureau of Justice Statistics, a recidivism measure requires three items: a starting event, such as a release from a facility; a measure of failure, such as a booking; and a follow-up time period from the starting event. Compared to prisons, jails have a much higher rate of turnover. A preliminary recidivism rate was calculated for the MDC using the following:

- Unique monthly releases beginning in January 2018 through March 2023. The releases end the month prior to reporting to allow the same follow-up time period for each month.
- Bookings in subsequent months within approximate one-month intervals (365/12).
- The measure of failure is any new booking into the MDC.

During the first three months following release from the MDC, 24.1% of inmates return to custody (see Figure 4), increasing to 35.4% within six months. The cumulative recidivism rate increased over time to 65.6% of inmates returning to custody for any booking within 57 months and in the last 62 months, the cumulative recidivism rate was 65.7%. The increase in recidivism rates over time decreases as the inmates return to custody at a decreasing rate over time.

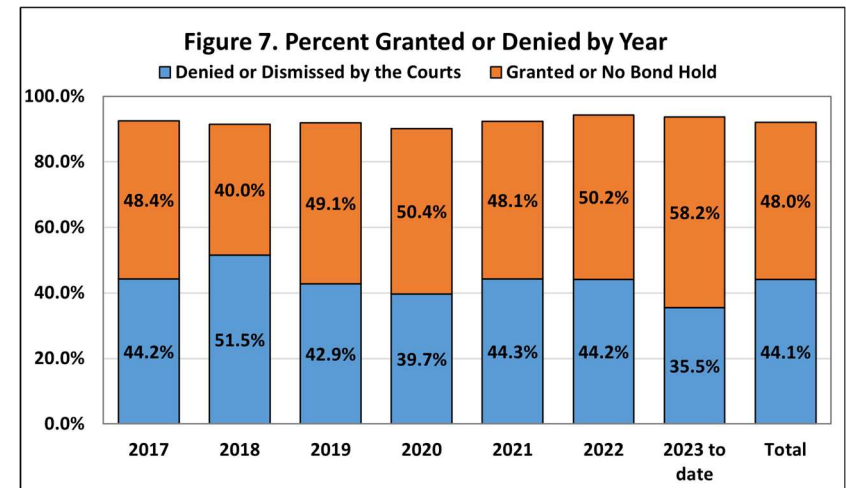
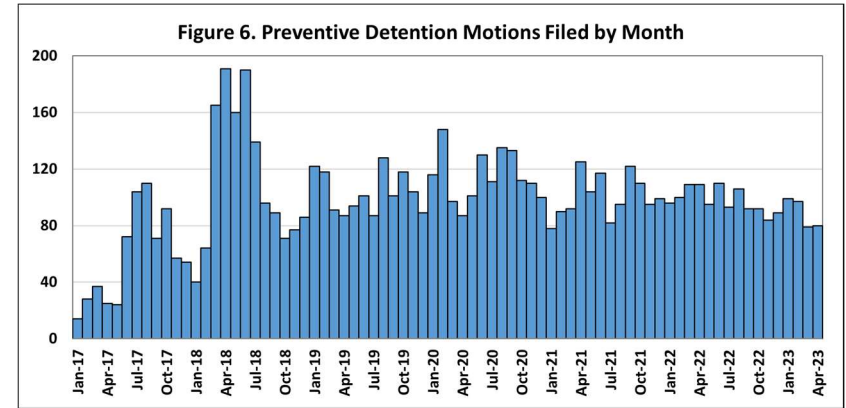
Short-term returns to custody decreased after March 2020 from 12.7% from January 2018 to February 2020 and 9.0% from March 2020 to March 2023 (see Figure 5). From March 2020 to March 2023: 9.0% of inmates returned to custody in the first month, 7.5% returned to custody in the second month, and 5.4% returned to custody in the third month.



Preventive Detention Motions

From January 2017 to April 2023, there were approximately 7,415 motions for preventive detention (PTD) filed across 6,949 bookings² for 5,906 individuals. This includes motions filed in both Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court and Second Judicial District Court. The preventive detention motions were filed for a variety of charge types, included shoplifting, burglary, auto theft, assault, and murder. In the last 12 months, the number of PTD motions filed per month ranged from 79 to 110, with an average of 93 per month (see Figure 4). There were 80 motions filed in April 2023, which were 29 fewer motions than in April 2022.

In April 2023, 35.1% of motions were denied or dismissed and 58.1% were granted³. By year, since 2019, a greater portion of motions have been granted than denied. Between January and April 2023 58.2% of motions were granted. Since 2017, 48.0% of motions have been granted and 44.1% have been denied. The remainder were withdrawn (4.4%) or the underlying case was nolle prosequied, dismissed, or sentenced (3.5%).



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² Approximately 100 of these motions occurred when an inmate was not booked into the MDC, but this is generally uncommon.

³ At the end of April 2023, there were approximately 37 cases that had a PTD motion pending. These cases were removed from the motion outcomes analysis.