



2016 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 0 days in 2016.
 - b. The average daily inmate population count was 321 in 2016.
 - c. The highest one-day population of inmates was 363 / lowest was 265 in 2016.

BOOKING STATISTICS

	Number	Percentage
Total Detainees	4409	100.00%
Adult Males	3198	72.53%
Juvenile Males	10	0.23%
Adult Females	1197	27.15%
Juvenile Females	4	0.09%
Adult Unknown	0	0.00%
Juvenile Unknown	0	0.00%

Population Origin(Based On Billing)

Parole Hold – DOC	17	0.39%
IN Dept of Correction	108	2.45%
HEA 1006 – DOC F6 Felons	7	0.16%
United States Marshal	12	0.27%

Percentage of Population by Race or Ethnic Origin

White Male	2069	46.93%
White Female	842	19.10%
African American Male	943	21.18%
African American Female	305	6.92%
Hispanic Male	157	3.56%
Hispanic Female	39	0.89%
Native American Male	1	0.02%
Native American Female	3	0.07%
Indian Male	3	0.07%
Indian Female	0	0.00%
Asian Male	5	0.11%
Asian Female	1	0.02%
Unknown Male	39	0.88%
Unknown Female	11	0.25%
Unknown Other	0	0.00%

Total Number of New Admissions/Releases

Admissions	4409
Releases	4077

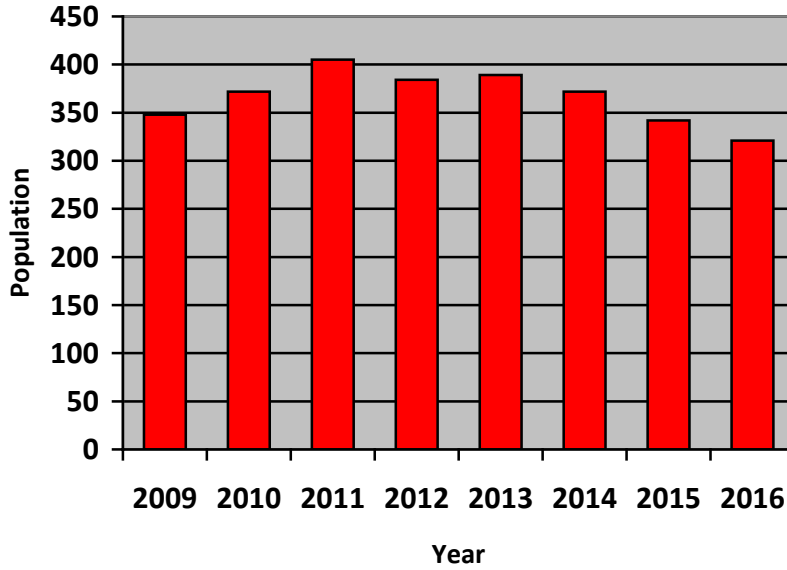
Top Ten Offenses

OFFENSE DESCRIPTION	COUNT
FAILURE TO APPEAR	721
REVOC/SUSP/SENT	650
OPER WHILE INTOX – MISD.	496
WANTED OTHER DEPT.	305
THEFT – MISD.	296
DRIVING WHILE SUSP.	243
OWI – ENDANGERING A PERSON	187
WEEKENDER	183
BATTERY – MISD.	182
THEFT – FELONY	147

AVERAGE DAILY POPULATION

Year	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Average Daily Inmate Population	348	372	405	384	389	372	342	321
Percent Increase/Decrease Since Prior Year		6.90%	8.87%	-5.19%	1.30%	-4.37%	-8.06%	-6.41%
Average Annual Percent Increase Since 2009		6.90%	16.38%	8.22%	11.78%	6.90%	-1.72%	-7.76%

Average Daily Population 2009-2016



JAIL IN-CUSTODY DEATHS

There were no in-custody deaths in 2016.

MAJOR DISTURBANCES

There were no major disturbances in 2016.

NUMBER OF ESCAPES

There were no escapes in 2016.

JUVENILES BOOKED INTO JAIL

Males	10
Females	4

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.

- **Substance Abuse Class:** This program is for court-ordered female 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 phase 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 volunteer 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-leveled 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 special educational department provides a staff to conduct on-site supportive educational services.
- **La Porte Literacy Coalition:** This service provides numerous spiritual, inspirational, self-help books, and material on a weekly basis to all detainees. This service is provided on a volunteer basis by the La Porte Ministerial Association.
- **Moral Recognition Therapy 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. This class and material is 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.
- **Women's Coping with Anger Class:** This is an open class offered to females on an as needed basis and facilitated by a certified volunteer. This class is a cognitive behavior class to assist participants in managing their feelings, behaviors, and practice outlets in a healthier way.

COURTS AND TRANSPORTATION UNIT

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

The unit stats for 2016:

TRANSPORTATION

1. Transported a total of 1,679 inmates to court.
2. Administered video arraignment for 3,930 inmates.
3. Traveled 6,837 total miles for Indiana Department of Corrections Transports.

DISCIPLINARY HEARING BOARD

1. The Disciplinary Hearing Board heard approximately 109 hearings in 2016.

COMMUNITY WORK PROGRAM (CWP)

The Community Work Program is supervised by Administrative Deputy Bobby Blair. The program is manned by 3 - 5 inmates daily. 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
- Waterford Cemetery
- Pioneer Cemeteries
- La Porte County Sheriff's Office Firearms Training Range
- Michigan City Airport
- Michigan City Courthouse
- American Red Cross
- La Porte County Solid Waste Program
- Snow Removal
 - Around county complex
 - For senior citizens when requested
- Pyrotechnics Guild International
- La Porte County 4-H
- La Porte County Home
- "Save The Barn"
- La Porte County Building Maintenance

A total of 6,718 man hours were worked by inmates participating in the program during 2016. At the minimum wage of \$7.25 per hour, the total value in man hours was \$48,705.50.

MEDICAL UNIT

All jails and correctional facilities are required by law to provide medical care to inmates, even for pre-existing conditions. 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),
- \$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 2013 - 2016 for providing medical care to the inmates:

Year	2013	2014	2015	2016
Medical Costs	\$480,606	\$498,353	\$441,444	\$471,779

DEPOSITS TO GENERAL FUND

A total of \$123,750.22 was deposited to the general fund in 2016. The breakdown is as follows:

Housing DOC Inmates	\$114,801.00
Housing USMS Inmates	\$896.00
Inmate Medical Co-Pays	\$6,322.26
Restitution by Inmates for Damaging Jail Property	\$1,730.96
Total	\$123,750.22

JAIL STAFFING

Seventy-six (76) officers comprise the staff of the LaPorte County Jail. Staffing assignments are as follows:

1. Administrative	3
2. Operations	54
3. Inmate Classification	1
4. Administrative Deputies	2
5. Community Work Program	1
6. Director of Treatment Services	1
7. Courts and Transportation	6
8. Information Technology	1
9. Director of Food Services	1
10. Part-time Cooks	6

Shift Operations

In 2016, the Jail Staff operated at less than full capacity throughout the majority of the year. The result was that \$208,000.00 dollars were spent in overtime monies. This amount was an increase from the previous year. The staff operated at less than full capacity and a total of seven (7) 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.

Medical Unit

During the summer of 2016, both of the La Porte County Jail Nurses resigned within a relatively short amount of time. Because of this, additional demands were placed on the Jail Staff to fill various voids in the absence of a nurse. For several weeks, the Jail operated without a nurse in the building. The assigned Jail Deputy and Director of Treatment Services were left to handle a large amount of the tasks that needed to be completed.

Active contractual discussions began with the Jail's healthcare provider, Advanced Correctional Healthcare (ACH), to renegotiate the contract for full medical services. By doing so, ACH would recruit, hire, and supervise nurses within the Jail. The new contract with ACH was signed providing the Jail with one-hundred and fifty-two (152) hours of nursing coverage per week. Even though the Jail has not received the full amount of nursing coverage yet each week, ACH continues to recruit and seek applicants to fill the nurse vacancies and not bill the County for the hours that have not yet been filled. The signing of the new contract has shifted some of the medical liability to ACH. In addition, ACH has provided the Jail with a new doctor. At this time, there are two (2) full-time ACH nurses, one (1) part-time ACH nurse and one (1) Jail Deputy staffing the Medical Department.

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. In addition, two (1) other Jail Deputies on dayshift are trained in classification. The staff members perform classification duties on a part-time basis in addition to their normal duties. 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. It is a future goal to train and add an additional part-time classification Jail Deputy to another shift.

Inmate classification is becoming 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.

JAIL KITCHEN

The Kitchen in the Jail is staffed by one (1) Director of Food Services and budgeted for six (6) part-time kitchen cooks. However, throughout 2016, the kitchen staff operated with less than the budgeted six (6) part-time cooks for various reasons. In addition to the employees, approximately five (5) to seven (7) inmate trustee workers provide work related services within the kitchen.

Each week, Monday through Thursday, a warm meal is prepared and provided to the inmates in the evening. 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 the La Porte County Work Release Center.

In 2016, a total of 20,430 meals were prepared for the La Porte County Work Release Center. In 2016, a total of 336,669 meals were prepared for inmates being held in the La Porte County Jail. Thus, a total of 357,099 inmate meals were prepared in 2016 by the La Porte County Jail Kitchen and staff.

JAIL NEEDS/MAINTENANCE

1. The Maintenance Department has taken on many projects throughout the Jail. Ideas about dedicating a team of maintenance technicians to the jail are being discussed. Items of immediate importance have been addressed in a timely manner by the Maintenance Department. For example, in 2016 approximately seven hundred and twenty-eight (728) work orders were submitted for repairs requested within the Jail. In comparison, this number of work orders greatly exceeds the next La Porte County owned building by over six hundred (600) orders.
2. Carpeting in the control pods is completely worn out and in need of replacement.
3. Tile in some of the hallways is not adhering to the floor.
4. Heating and cooling have always been an issue. It takes too long for the temperature to adjust. Certain areas of the jail are either too cold or warm, depending on the weather. Staff continuously tests the temperature in all areas of the jail and makes necessary adjustments. County Maintenance continues to attempt to resolve these issues.
5. The Indiana Sheriffs Association has recommended that all Jail camera recording devices extend their recording capabilities to 180 days. The Jail's current DVR system holds up to 60 days of footage. The process to upgrade the DVR storage abilities will be very expensive. Options are being explored.
6. Showers in both the male and female infirmaries are inoperable due to poor design. Water is not directed to the floor drain because the floor was not leveled properly and a shower edge or lip is not present. Water runs out of the shower areas and into the living areas of the infirmaries. DLZ has been notified and they are working on a repair plan.
7. A water leak around the area of a camera in the booking / processing area continues to be an issue that needs addressed.
8. The day room lights night lights in approximately seventy-five (75) percent of the cell blocks are not functioning.
9. The showers on the south side of the Jail are continuing to hold water underneath the shower unit itself.
10. The foam padding in TH-02 needs to be replaced. The bottom of the door is exposed creating safety risk to mental health inmates.

Completed Projects

1. The Jail's plumbing and sewer issues were again addressed last year by maintenance. A grinder had to be replaced by a new one to prevent sewer clogs and flooding.

2. “Google Scholar” was added to the Inmate Law Library to provide civil lawsuit information for inmates to research.
3. A tiling project was completed on the 5th floor. In the hallways, old tile was removed and new tile was applied.
4. The cameras in the sally port were adjusted to allow for better view. This will be beneficial for safety and security reasons, along with the documentation of injuries that any intake may have upon entering the Jail.
5. A staff analysis study was completed to determine whether the Jail is understaffed, adequately staffed, or overstaffed. A former Indiana Jail Commander completed the study and determined the Jail was understaffed. He recommended an additional ten (10) Jail Deputies should be hired to adequately staff the Jail.
6. A part-time Administrative Assistant (Medicaid Navigator) was hired to assist with enrolling Inmates in Medicaid.
7. A Field Training Officer (FTO) Program was implemented. All staff members who were hired in 2016 successfully completed the program. The FTO Program standardizes the training that occurs for newly hired staff members to ensure they receive consistent training to allow them to operate safely and successfully as Jail Deputies.
8. A pay matrix schedule was developed for pay increases for part-time employees. The pay matrix was ultimately approved.
9. Two (2) Jail Division employees are now assigned to Post Command. One employee is assigned to the Merit Division Dayshift and the other is assigned to the Merit Division Afternoon Shift.

Recently passed House Bill 1269 directly affects County Jails. Sheriffs are now tasked with submitting applications for those inmates who qualify for Medicaid. While this is a step in the right direction for healthcare, it is a daunting task for an already short-staffed jail.

The part-time Administrative Assistant has been submitting applications to the FSSA for qualifying inmates. What qualifies an inmate is based on four main factors: when the length of stay in the County Jail is thirty (30) days or greater, the inmate’s age is between nineteen (19) and sixty-four (64) years of age, the inmate must be an Indiana resident, and they do not already have health insurance or Medicaid.

In 2016, 280 Medicaid applications were submitted. Medicaid will now pay for any inmate’s overnight stay in a hospital in qualifying situations. The County Commissioners signed the FSSA contract on March 2, 2016 in order for the County to receive reimbursement. In 2015, it was noted that IU Health La Porte Hospital did not have a 24-hour Navigator on staff. This is necessary to start the Presumptive Eligibility process for Medicaid at the time of admittance. This has been corrected in 2016.

In late 2016, the Jail Staff received a two (2) percent pay increase. However, as previously mentioned, a recent study has revealed that Jail continues to operate understaffed. Because of understaffing, additional stressors and demands are placed on the employees of each shift all while continuing to work in a dangerous environment. By shifting two Jail Division employees to staff Post Command, is now two (2) less positions that are occupied to staff the Jail. In other words, the Jail Division’s staff members are being asked to do more with less.

The Jail Administration continues to explore different ways to increase the morale of the Jail Deputies. For example, Jail Deputies who are assigned to a shift were allowed to bid for one of three shifts (Day, Afternoon, and Midnight). The thought and hope is that this minor adjustment will allow Jail Deputies input as to what works best for them in their professional and personal lives. Overall, 2016 proved to be a very productive, positive year.

Respectfully Submitted,

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LaPorte County Sheriff

Captain Derek J. Allen
Jail Commander

Cc: Circuit Court Judge
State Jail Inspector
La Porte County Commissioner President
La Porte County Council President
La Porte County Prosecutor
La Porte County Auditor
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