JAIL HISTORY & BOOKING RESTRICTIONS

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- Main Jail was originally opened in 1984 with a max capacity of 148 (mainly designed for single bunk cells). It was almost immediately retrofitted for double bunking.
- There has been some form of booking restrictions almost from opening
- Currently, the main jail facility has a max capacity of 211
- The Irongate Facility ("interim work center") opened in 2006 and has a max capacity of 148.

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CURRENT BOOKING POLICY IMPLEMENTED FEB 1, 2025

GREEN LEVEL (Under 300 Inmates)

YELLOW LEVEL (300–319 Inmates)

RED LEVEL (320+ Inmates)

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Daily Population Totals					
Date	Total	Main Jail	Work Center	EHD	Out of Facility
5/25/2025	338	191	90	19	38
5/24/2025	335	193	85	19	38
5/23/2025	330	186	88	19	37
5/22/2025	337	187	95	19	36
5/21/2025	341	191	97	19	34
5/20/2025	329	185	90	20	34
5/19/2025	335	190	91	19	35
Average	335	189	91	19	36

Current Jail Population Breakdown	
Booking Type	Total
Local Charge	313
Electronic Home Detention	19
Tribal Court	8
Commitment	5
In Custody Work Crew	3
Work Release	2
Material Witness	1
Other County	1
Courtesy Hold	1
DOC	1
Fugitive	1

Booking and Releases		
Time Frame	Individuals Booked	Individuals Released
Last 7 days	113	96
Last 48 Hours	33	17

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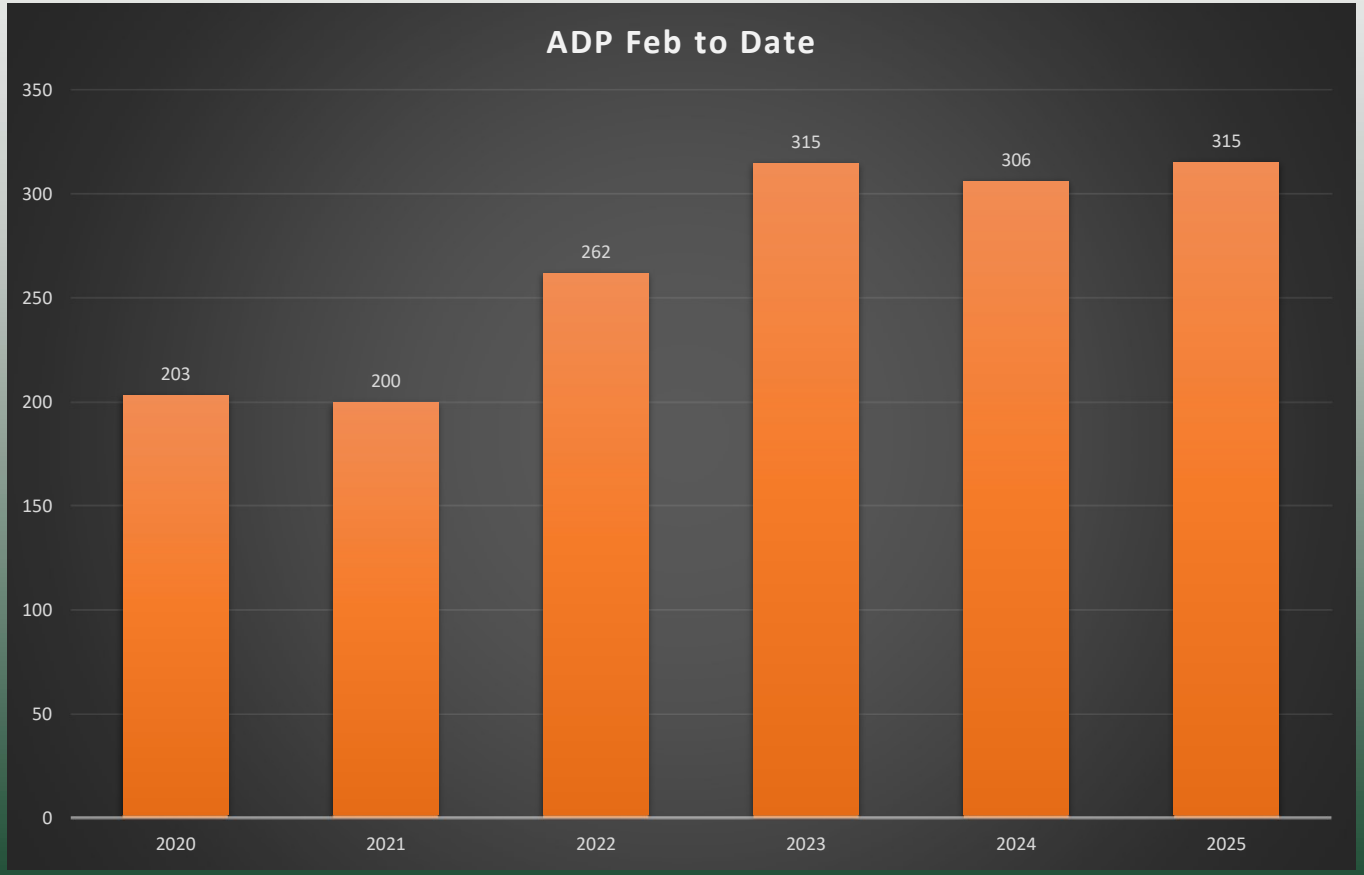

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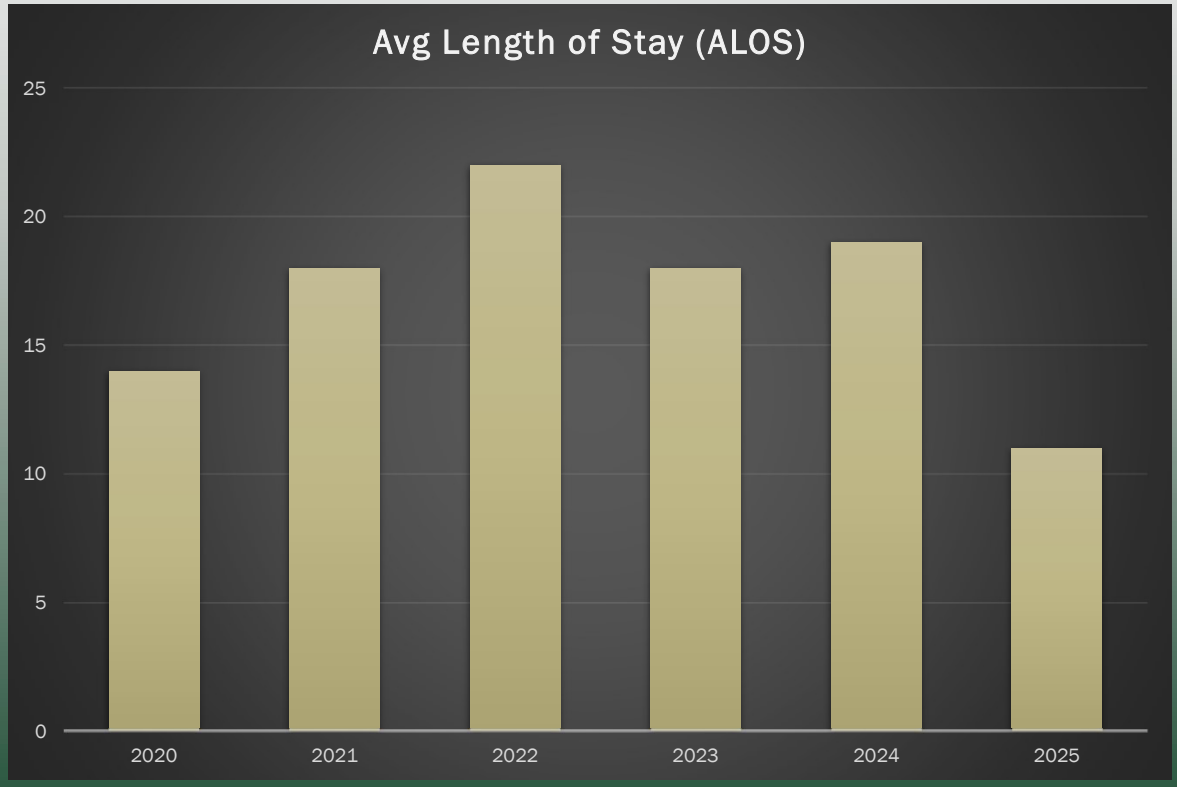
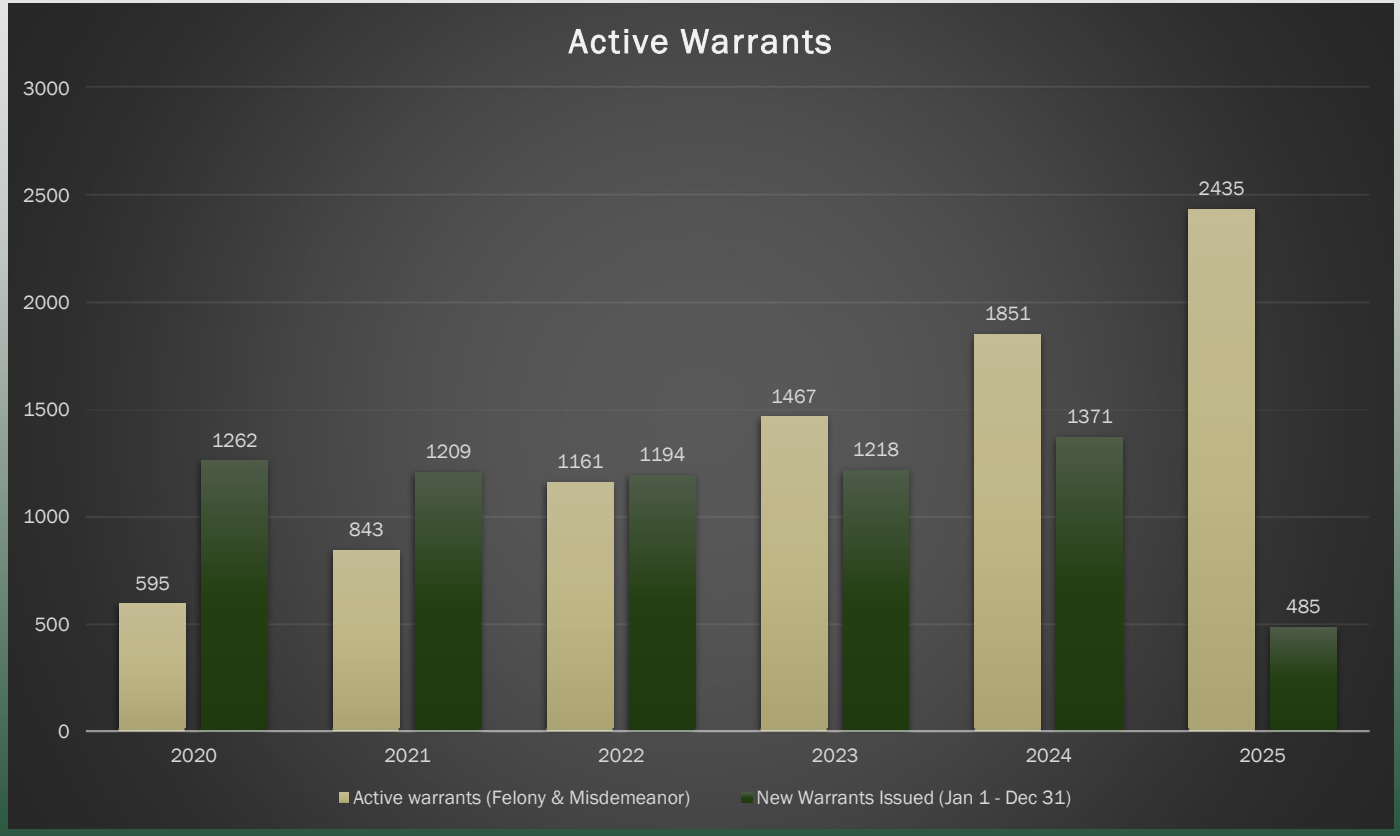
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