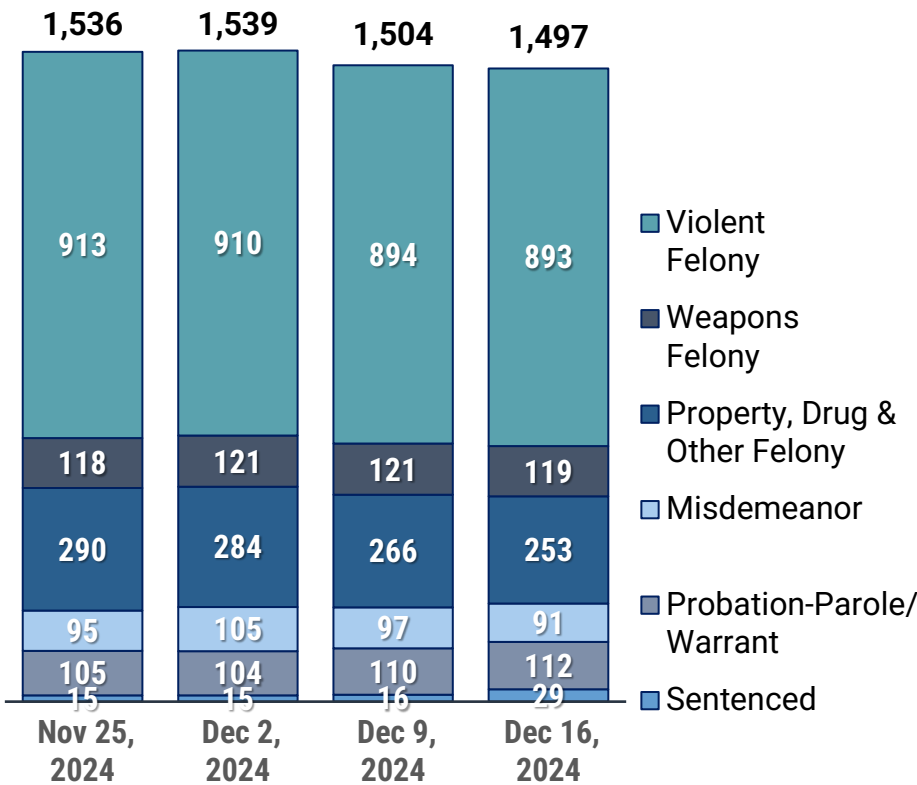




OPSO INMATE POPULATION SNAPSHOT

DECEMBER 16, 2024

Inmates in Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office Custody – Four Week Trend



On December 16, 2024, the OPSO inmate population dropped below 1,500 for the first time since the middle of October.

The jail primarily houses inmates with pending charges. Over 90% of inmates were held for felony charges.

Inmates held for violent felony charges made up 60% of the population. Violent felony inmates averaged 11 months in custody.

The 235 inmates held for homicide charges had been in custody an average of 20 months, the longest time for any charge category.

The 70 inmates held for rape or violent sex crimes had the second longest average time in custody of approximately 16 months.

Weapons felony inmates made up 8% of the population, averaging over 4 months in custody.

When combined, violent and weapons felony inmates made up 68% of the population.

Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office Inmate Population Snapshot December 16, 2024

Most Serious Charge	Number of Inmates	Percent of Inmates	Average Days in Custody	Total Days in Custody
Violent Felony	893	60%	340	303,275
Homicide	235	16%	625	146,773
Attempted Murder	77	5%	383	29,506
Rape/Sex Crime	70	5%	494	34,556
Robbery	165	11%	213	35,129
Domestic Violence	156	10%	128	20,000
Felony Battery/Assault	138	9%	233	27,172
Other (e.g., Kidnapping, Home Invasion)	52	3%	195	10,139
Weapons Felony	119	8%	133	15,794
Property Felony	159	11%	88	13,968
Drug Felony	31	2%	125	3,884
Other Felony (e.g., Cruelty to a Juvenile, Obscenity)	63	4%	151	9,500
Total Felony	1,265	85%	274	346,421
Misdemeanor	91	6%	47	4,254
Probation-Parole Hold/Warrant	112	7%	121	13,524
Sentenced	29	2%	201	5,841
Total	1,497	100%	247	370,040

A 6% minority of inmates were in custody for open misdemeanor charges. Most (56%) of these inmates were held on violent misdemeanor charges (e.g., domestic abuse battery), which are ineligible for free release/ROR bonds.

Sentenced inmates who were serving time in OPSO custody or awaiting prison transfer accounted for 29 inmates or 2% of the population.

Generally, the OPSO has limited ability to reduce the inmate population. Aside from the time it takes to process inmates cleared for release, inmates are held in custody while awaiting screening decisions from prosecutors or for their charges to be resolved under a judge's case management.

Methodology: The MCC received a list of OPSO inmates and charges that were filed against them. Inmates were categorized by the most serious actively pending charge holding them in custody.