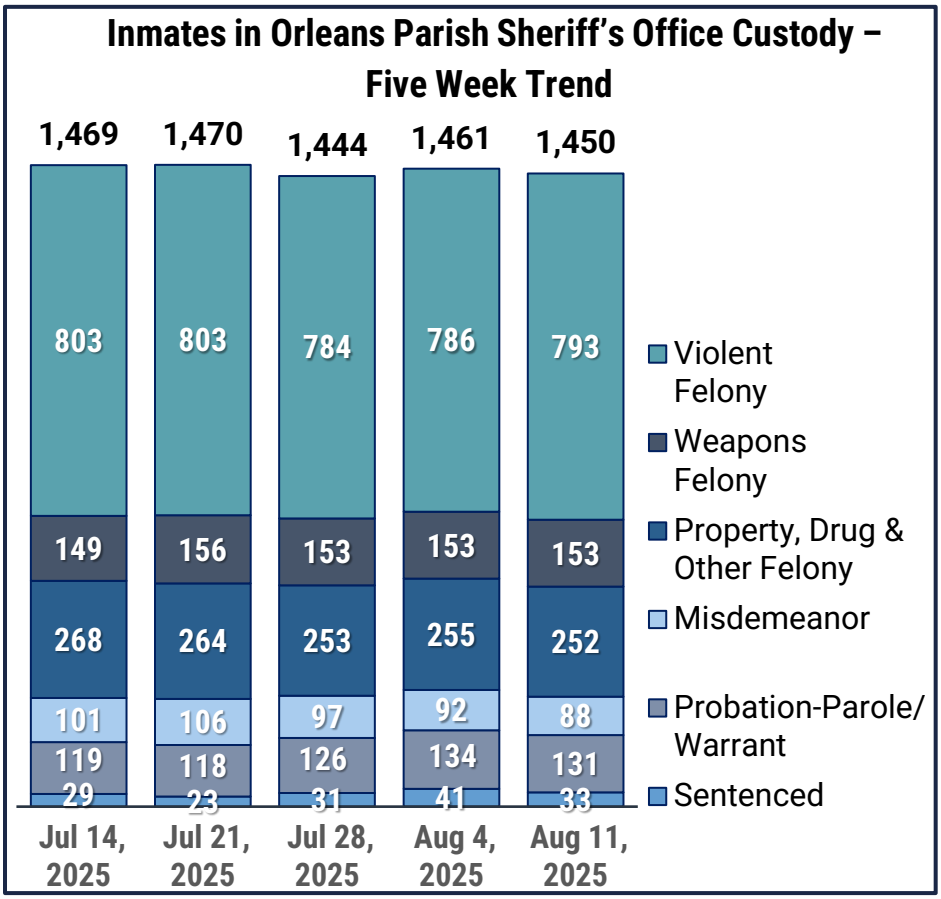
OPSO Inmate Population Snapshot
August 11, 2025



The Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office (OPSO) inmate population dropped by 11 compared to the week before, from 1,461 in custody on August 4, 2025, to 1,450 on August 11, 2025.

There were 2 fugitive inmates who continued to remain at large - 1 who was part of a 10-person group that escaped on May 16, 2025, and 1 who was mistakenly released on July 25, 2025.

The jail primarily serves to hold people with pending felony charges with over 90% of inmates charged with felonies or having felony warrants or probation/parole holds.

Inmates were in custody an average 243 days or 8 months.

There were 161 female inmates who made up 11% of the population.

The average age of inmates was 34, with a third (33%) of inmates aged 30-39.

The 21 inmates who were 17 years of age were all males. Females accounted for 5 of the 98 inmates who were under the age of 20.

Two-thirds (66%) were held for pending violent felony (55%) or weapons felony (11%) charges.

The most common charge holding inmates in custody was homicide. The 219 inmates with homicide charges made up 15% of the population and included 194 charged with 2nd degree murder, 19 charged with 1st degree murder, and 6 charged with manslaughter. There were 203 male and 16 female inmates with pending homicide charges.

After several inmates convicted of violent and weapons felonies were transferred to the Department of Corrections, the number of sentenced inmates dropped to 33.

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Most Serious Charge	Number of Inmates	Percent of Inmates	Average Days in Custody	Total Days in Custody
Violent Felony	**793**	**55%**	**347**	**275,480**
Homicide	219	15%	651	142,466
Attempted Murder	65	4%	370	24,069
Rape/Sex Crime	65	4%	498	32,343
Robbery	121	8%	224	27,158
Domestic Violence	116	8%	127	14,743
Felony Battery/Assault	131	9%	25	22,952
Other (e.g., Kidnapping, Home Invasion)	76	5%	155	11,749
Weapons Felony	153	11%	125	19,161
Property Felony	146	10%	89	13,049
Drug Felony	59	4%	94	5,522
Other Felony (e.g., Cruelty to a Juvenile, Obscenity)	47	3%	157	7,379
Total with Pending Felonies	**1,198**	**83%**	**268**	**320,591**
Misdemeanor	88	6%	70	6,151
Probation-Parole Hold/Warrant	131	9%	109	14,226
Sentenced	33	2%	363	11,991
Total	**1,450**	**100%**	**243**	**352,959**

Generally, the OPSO has limited ability to reduce the inmate population. 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.