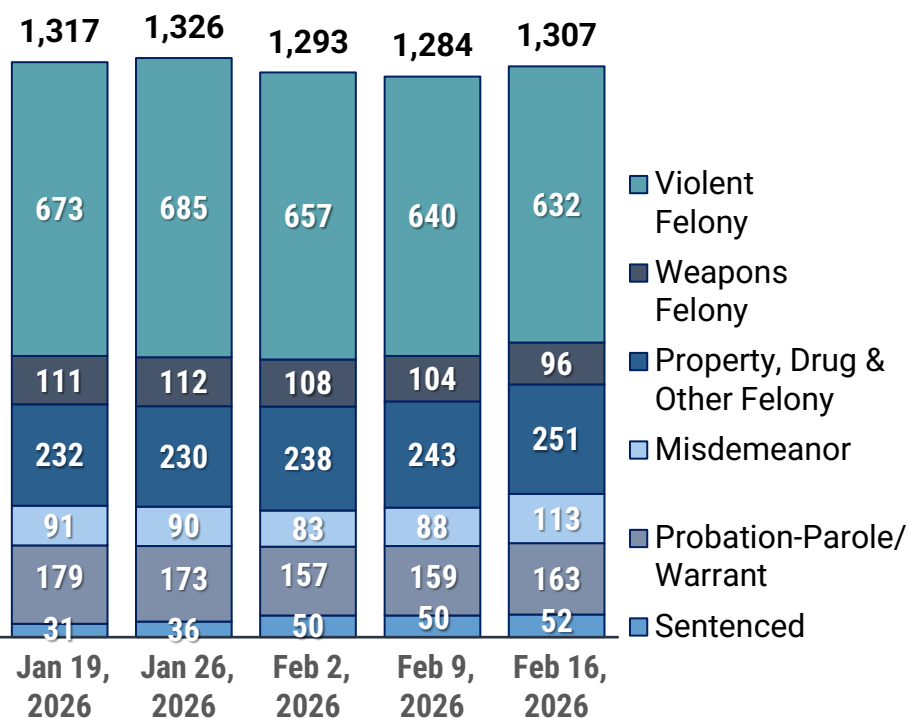




# OPSO INMATE POPULATION SNAPSHOT

## FEBRUARY 16, 2026

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



The inmate population in Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office custody rose to 1,307 on February 16, 2026, an increase of 23 inmates compared to the week before.

Both male and female inmates were an average of 35 years of age. Females accounted for 10% of the population (135 female inmates).

Over 90% of inmates were charged with felonies or had felony warrants or probation/parole holds.

Inmates held for pending violent felony charges made up 48% of the population and had been in custody an average of 335 days (11 months).

The largest segment of inmates was 194 held for pending homicide charges who made up 15% of the population. They included:

- 16 charged with 1<sup>st</sup> degree murder,
- 171 charged with 2<sup>nd</sup> degree murder,
- 7 charged with manslaughter.

Homicide inmates had the longest (574-day) average time in custody, nearly 19 months.

Over half (55%) of inmates held on homicide charges had been in custody more than 1 year, including 13% in custody over 3 years.

Fifteen (15) inmates held under homicide charges were female and 179 (92%) were male.

There were 52 inmates who had been sentenced and were not being held for open charges or a probation/parole hold or a warrant.

Seventy-one percent (71%) had been sentenced within the past 30 days.

The 113 inmates held for pending misdemeanor charges made up 9% of the population. They averaged 39 days in custody.

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

### Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office Inmate Population Snapshot February 16, 2026

Most Serious Charge	Number of Inmates	Percent of Inmates	Average Days in Custody	Total Days in Custody
<b>Violent Felony</b>	<b>632</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>211,867</b>
Homicide	194	15%	574	111,351
Attempted Murder	43	3%	330	14,178
Rape/Sex Crime	71	5%	429	30,492
Robbery	101	8%	224	22,623
Domestic Violence	74	6%	115	8,519
Felony Battery/Assault	95	7%	215	14,521
Other (e.g., Kidnapping, Home Invasion)	54	4%	189	10,183
Weapons Felony	96	7%	158	15,149
Property Felony	135	10%	106	14,255
Drug Felony	67	5%	100	6,722
Other Felony (e.g., Cruelty to a Juvenile, Obscenity)	49	4%	193	9,478
<b>Total with Pending Felonies</b>	<b>979</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>257,471</b>
Misdemeanor	113	9%	39	4,363
Probation-Parole Hold/Warrant	163	12%	147	23,968
Sentenced	52	4%	256	13,313
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,307</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>299,115</b>