

# A Safer, Stronger Miami County

Investing in our Jail & Justice System



# Incarceration Facility (IF) (minimum security)

**BUILT IN 1999: POPULATION 98,587**

2042 N. County Road 25A Troy, Ohio 45373



- **Opened in 2000 – 30 year life span**
  - **Minimum Security Facility – Designed to hold non-violent misdemeanors**
  - **Construction was funded with state and federal funds – no local funds were used**
- **Cannot house inmates accused of any crime of violence nor any inmate charged with a felony 1, 2, or 3**
  - **4 sixty person pods with inmate capacity of 240**
  - **3 pods are currently staffed, fourth pod is idle**



# Downtown Jail (maximum security)

**BUILT IN 1970S: POPULATION 84,000**

201 W. Main St. Troy, Ohio 45373



**CONSTRUCTED  
WITH 1960S  
TECHNOLOGY**



**NOT DESIGNED FOR:**

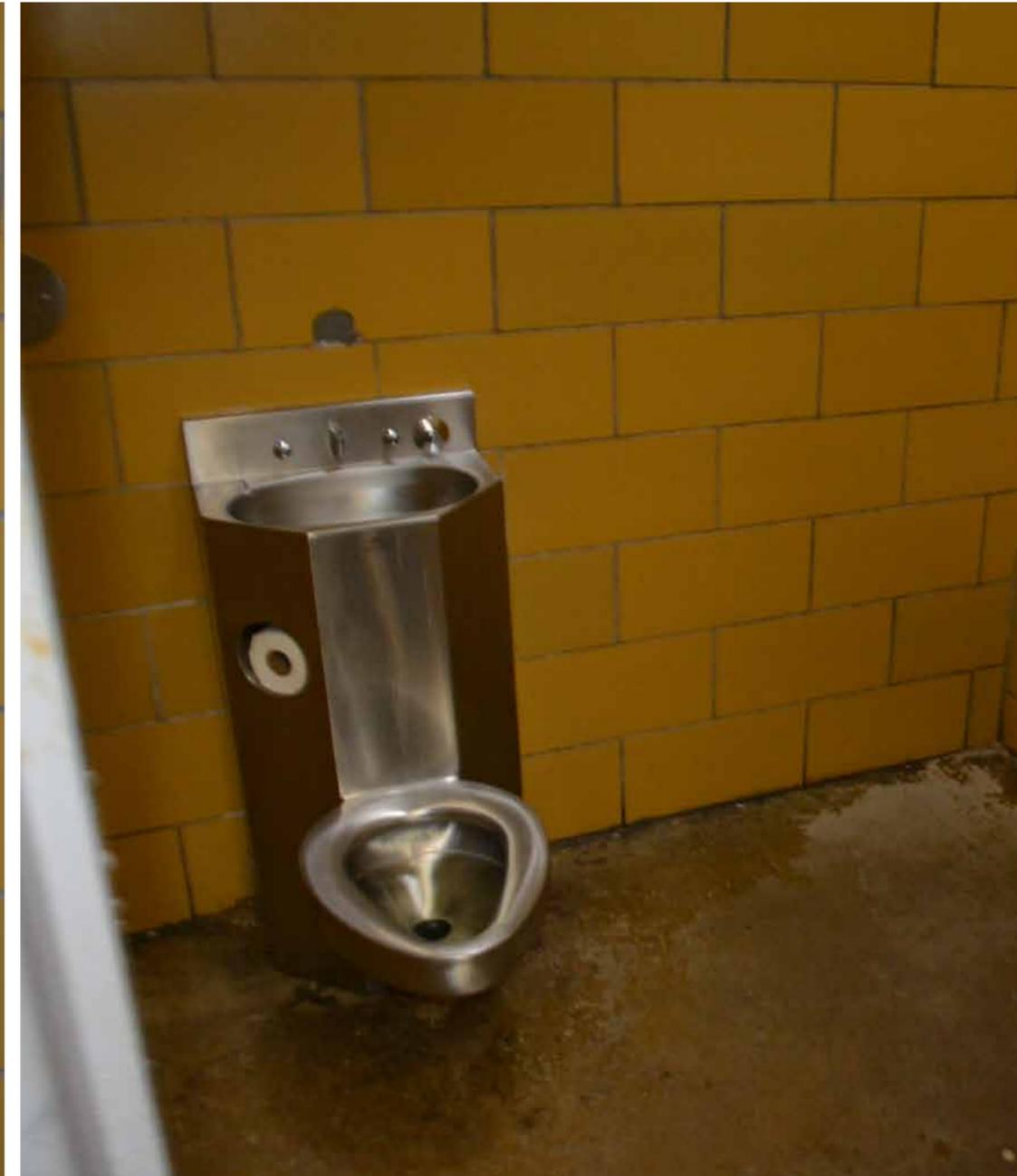
- **LARGER POPULATION**
- **MODERN STANDARDS**
- **RISING MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTION CHALLENGES**



**SAFETY &  
LIABILITY  
RISKS**



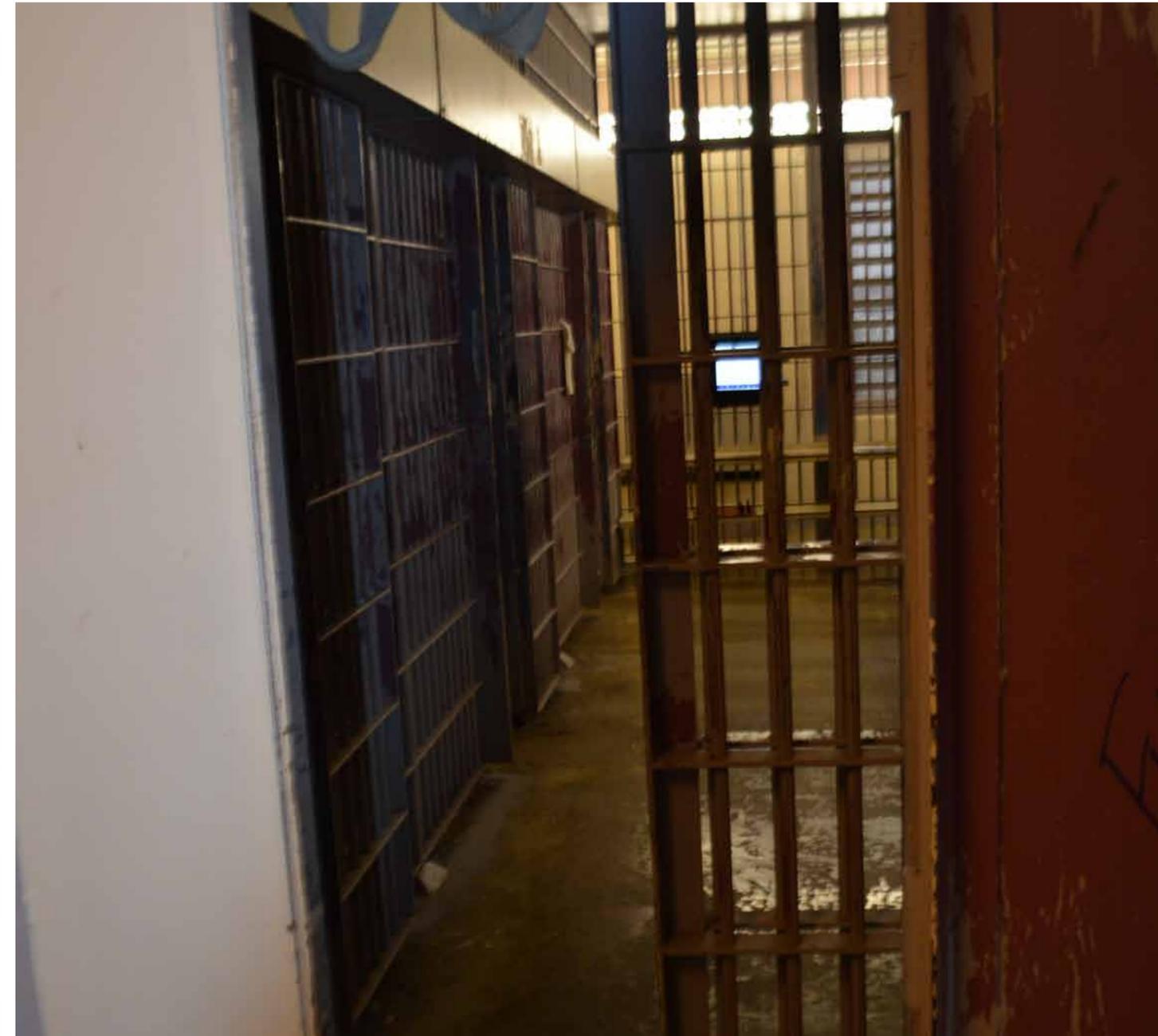
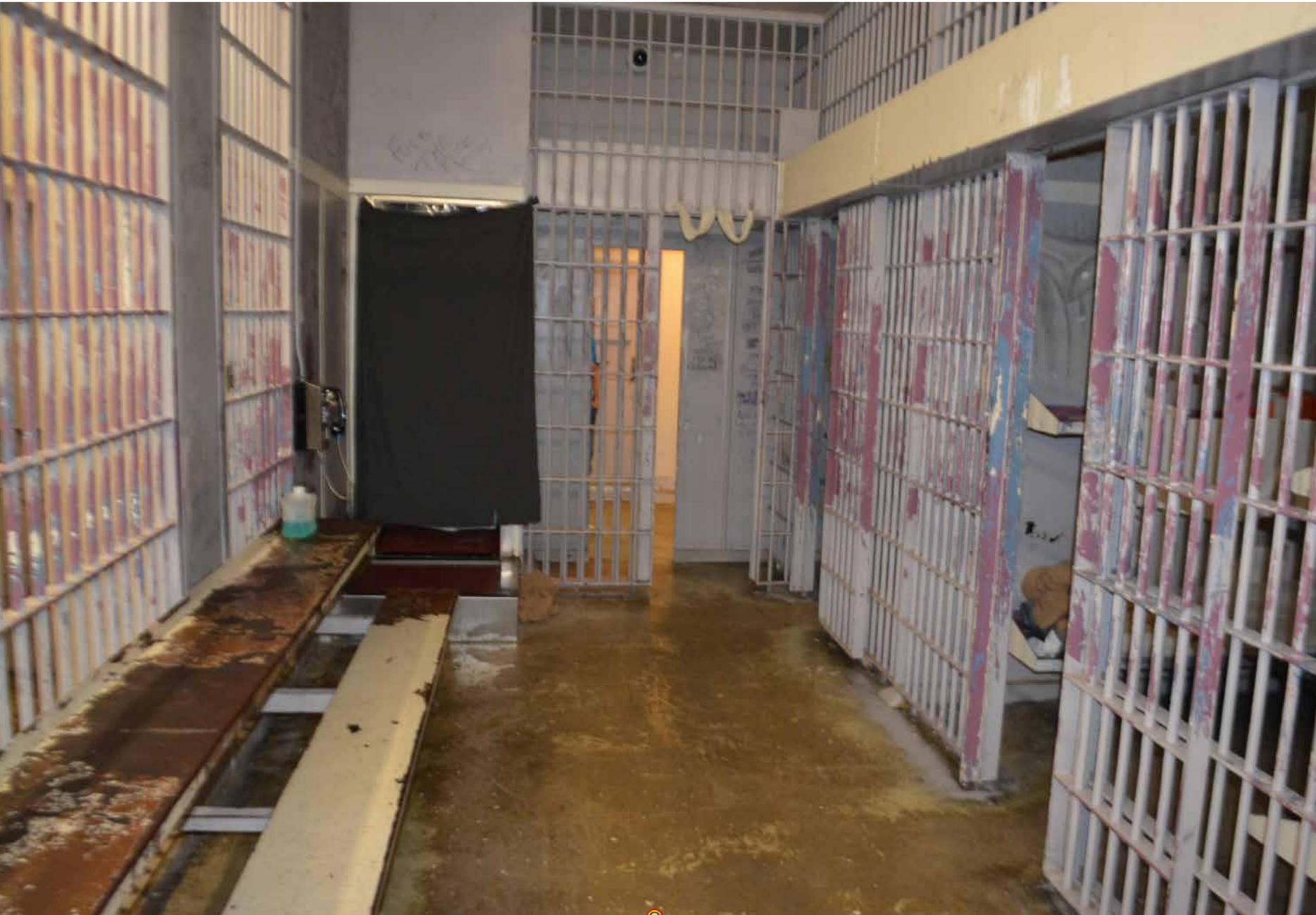
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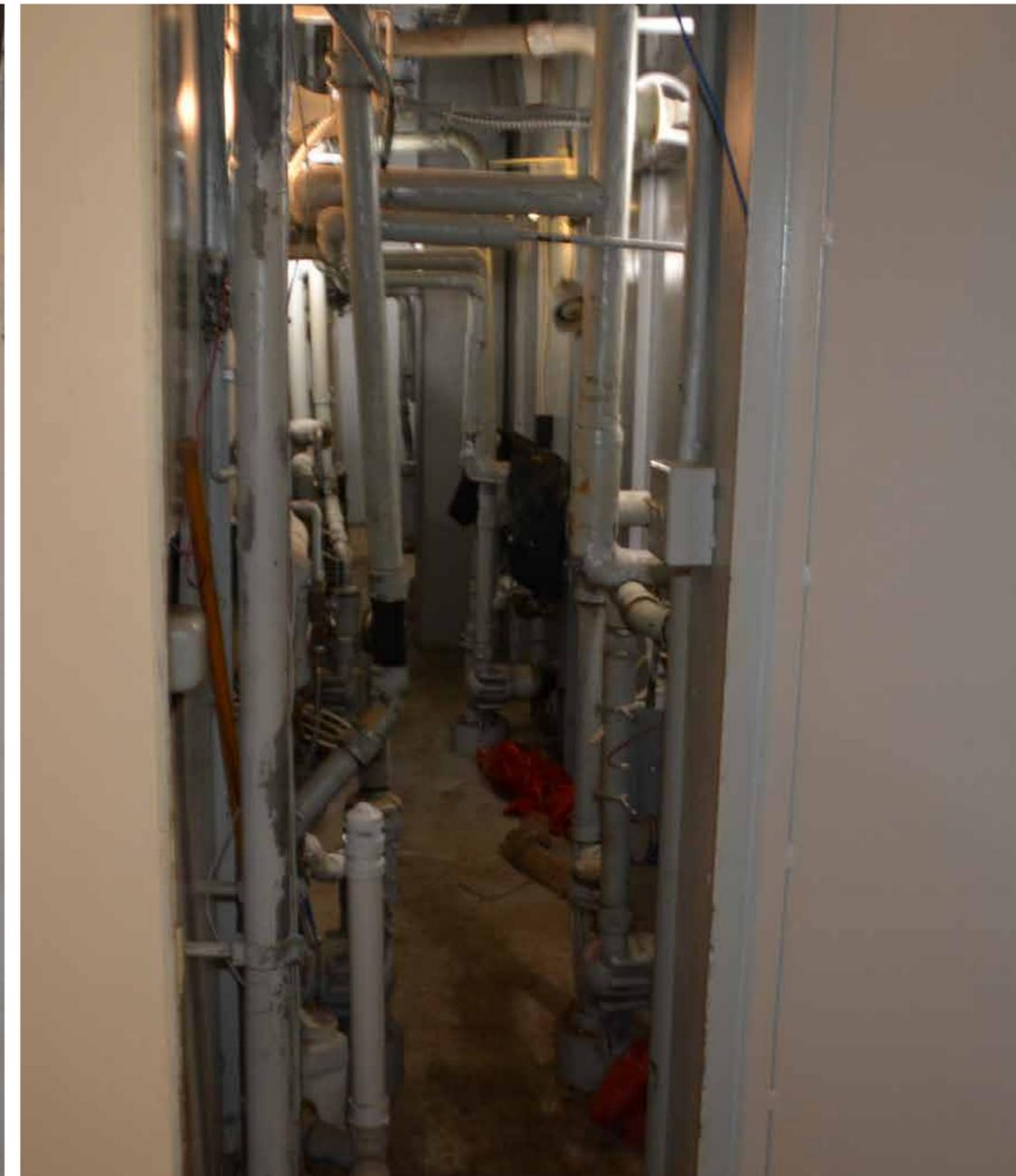
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# Our Position Statewide

**Miami County incarceration rate:  
111 per 100,000 residents**

**Typical Ohio county jail rates:  
150-350 per 100,000 residents**

**Miami County is in the lowest 25 of  
Ohio's 88 counties, performing better  
than most counties statewide on a  
per-capita basis.**

**Mental Health Court and Second  
Chance Drug Courts**

Percentile Band (88 counties)	Approx. Jail Rate
Lowest 10 counties	< 90
Lowest 25 counties	90–130
Middle 43 counties	130–280
Highest 10 counties	> 450



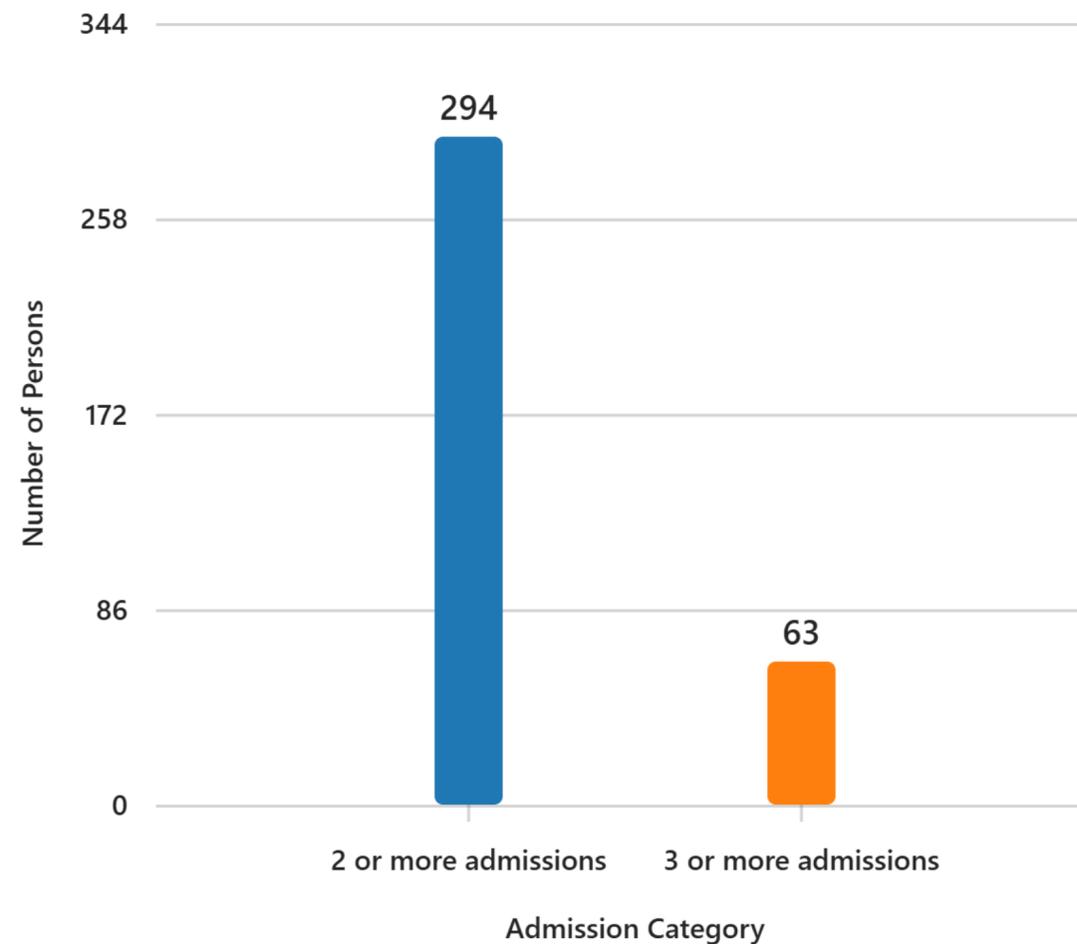
Mental Health Court



Second Chance Drug Court



# High Utilizers of the Jail



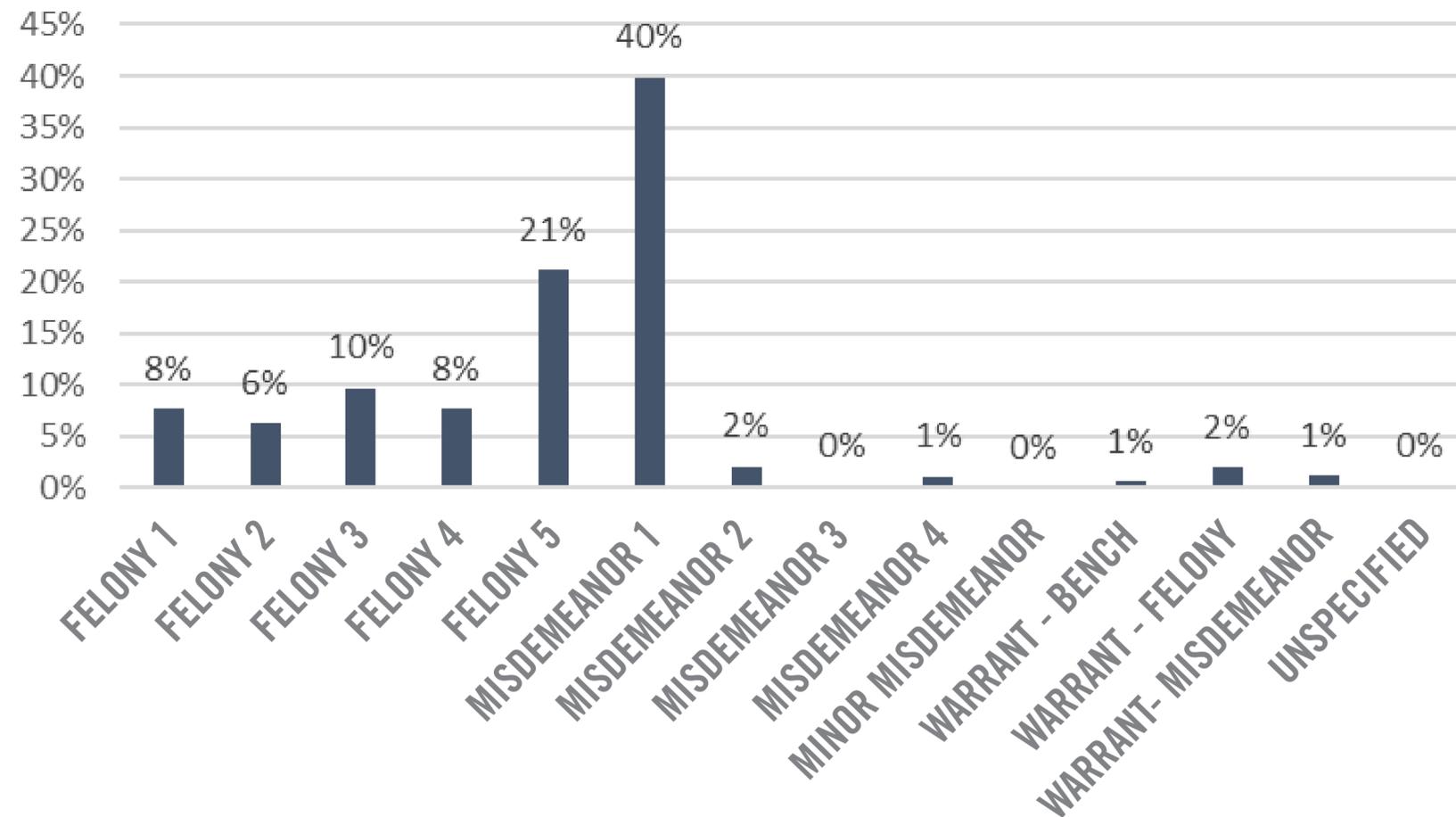
- ★ **294 persons were admitted to the jail 2 or more times and represented 41.9 ADP (35%)**
- ★ **63 persons were admitted to the jail 3 or more times and represented 10.7 ADP (9%)**
- ★ **Since depopulation during COVID, ADP is rising at a rate of 2.6 annually**

ADP = Average Daily Population



# Inmate Charges | 2023

Male ADP Distribution - 2023  
by Charge Type



## MALES

- ★ 93% have a misdemeanor 1 charge or higher
- ★ 53% have a felony charge

## FEMALES

- ★ 91% have a misdemeanor 1 charge or higher
- ★ 50% have a felony charge

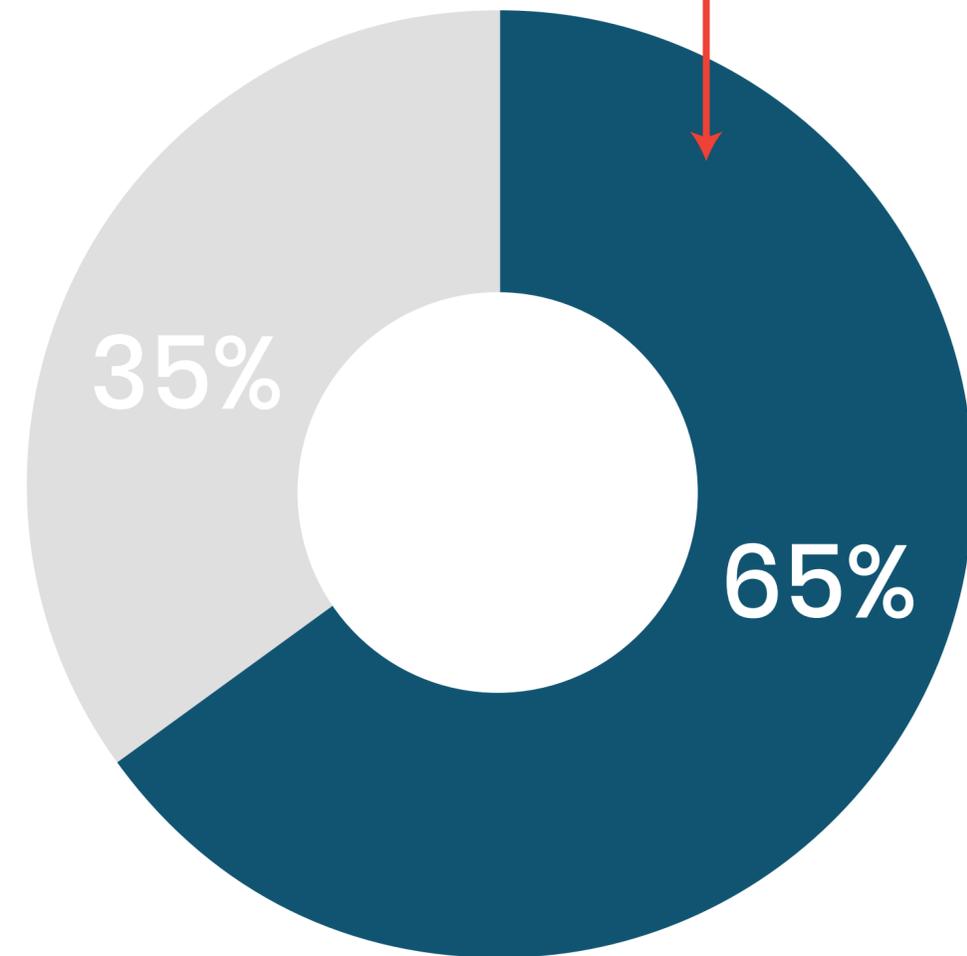


# The CHALLENGE Today: INMATE

**65%** of all inmates have a mental health issue, substance abuse issue or both

Jail has **0 infirmary beds** but has turned into a detox and mental health facility

Average length of stay downtown: **13 days**



# The CHALLENGE Today: STAFF

Mid 1980s: state mental health was defunded.

Staff is being paid **overtime** to guard hospital rooms.

12 hours shifts – Average length of stay downtown: **10 years**

Poor infrastructure pressures understaffed teams to **do more with less.**

Unsafe, stressful, and poorly maintained work environments contribute to **PTSD, anxiety, burnout, and higher turnover.**



# The SOLUTION + Project Goals

- ★ **Meet jail bed capacity needs** until the year 2050
- ★ **Meet needs for today's detainee & growing female population**
- ★ **Meet needs detainees with Mental Health/SUDs**
- ★ **Enhance Medical Care in-house** to reduce hospital trips & furloughs
- ★ **Enhance Reintegration through enhanced therapies**
- ★ **Put the jail under one roof** to improve staffing efficiency & enhance medical & MH care
- ★ **Combine jail + Sheriff's Office** to improve communications & eliminate space redundancies
- ★ **Provide EMA + back-up 911 in Sheriff's Office**
- ★ **Free up one third of the Safety Building for offices + courts**



Of the 3 options presented, option 2 was selected:

# Construction Summary

## JAIL

- New 200 bed full-service jail built on county land with all infrastructure. 63,781 GSF of new construction.
- Hard Cost: \$67.1 million
- Project Cost: \$80.5 million

## MCIF

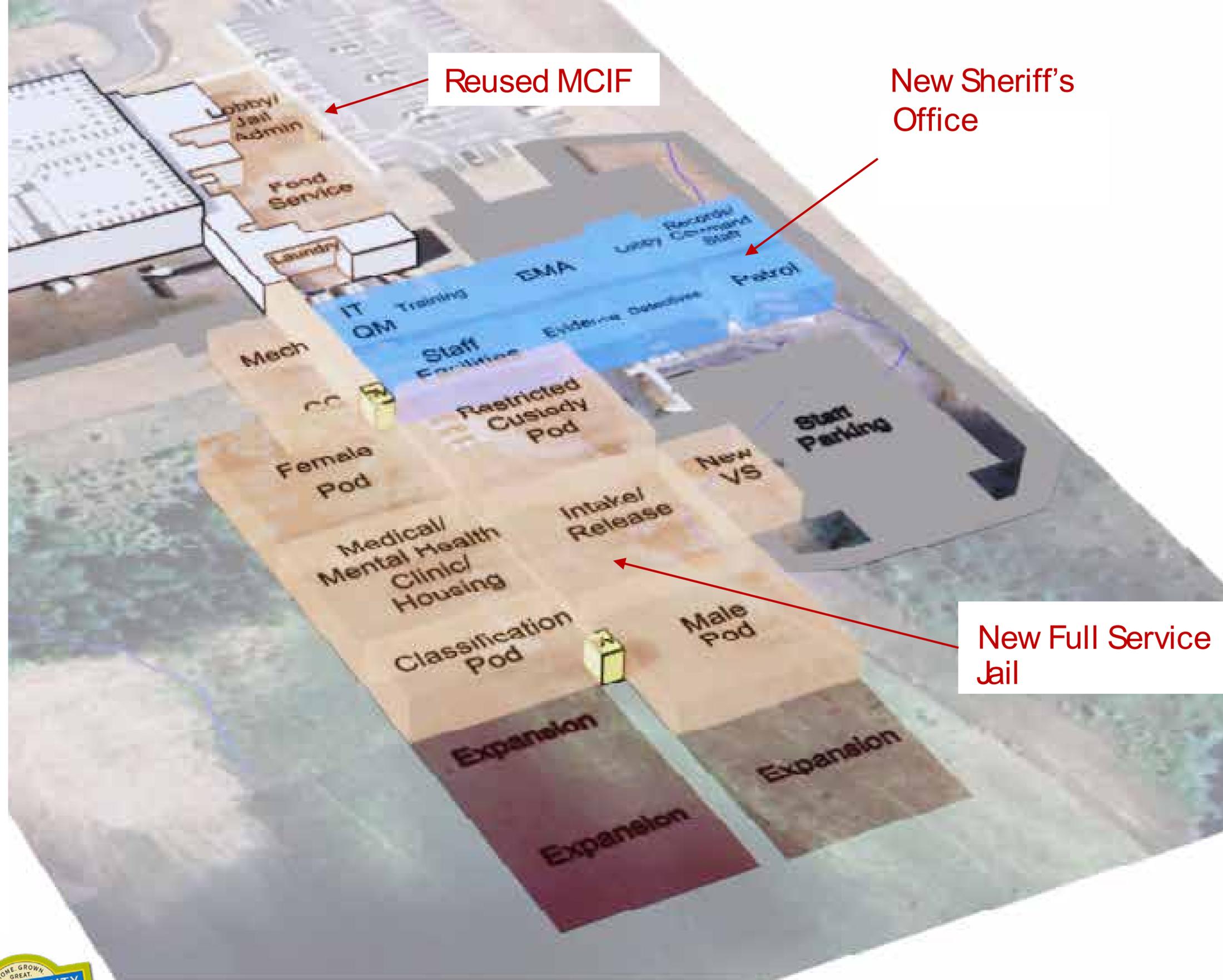
- Reuse for Minimum Security (capacity = 240 beds)
- Upgrades needed

## SHERIFF'S OFFICE + EMA

- 24,637 GSF
- Hard Cost: \$15.6 million
- Project Cost: \$18.7 million

## COST

- Project Cost = \$103.1 million (includes \$5.5 million for upgrades to MCIF)
- CO Staffing = 64.6 Correctional Officers \$6.0 million annually with benefits



# A History of Growth

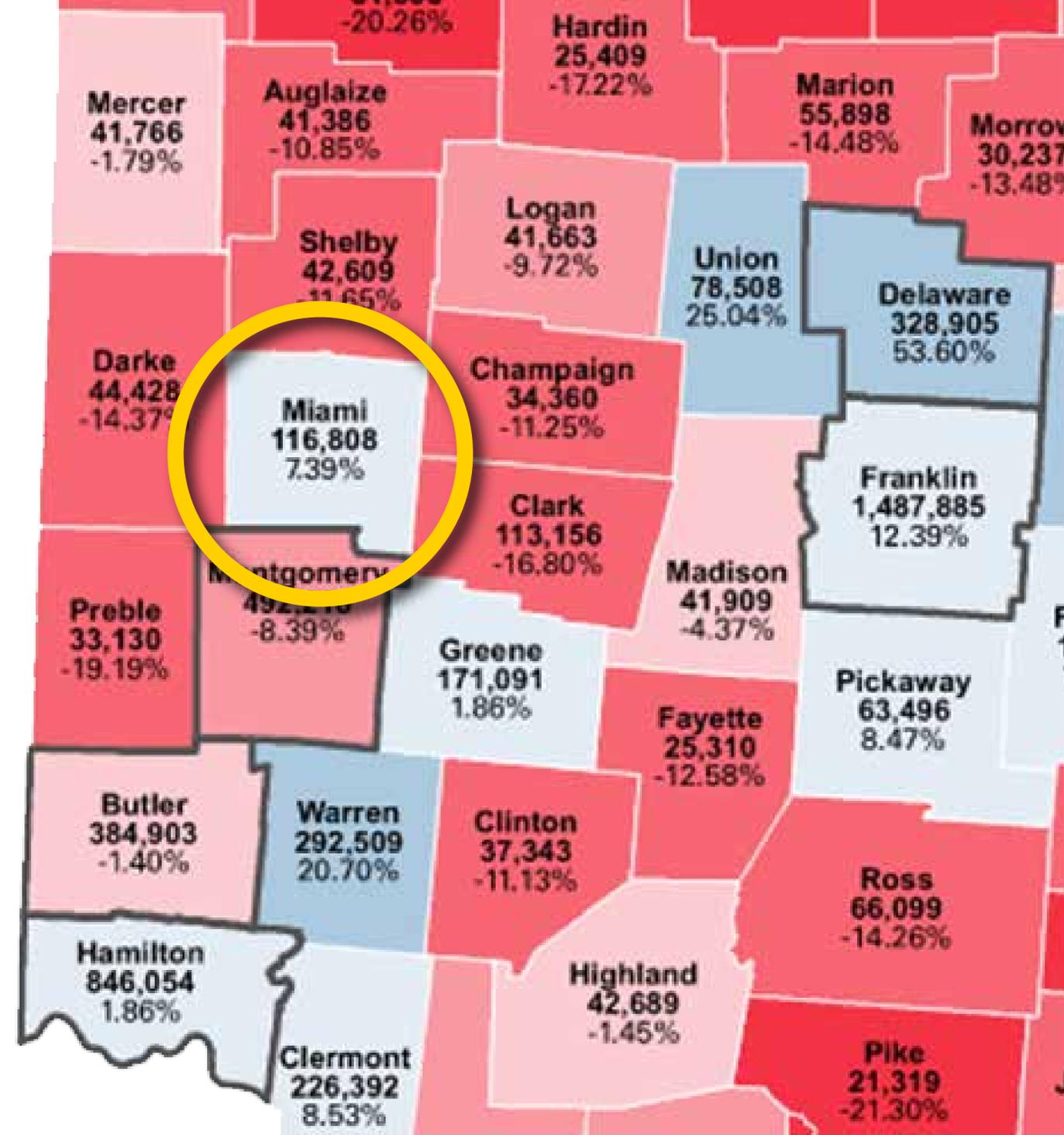
1885  
**Miami County  
 Courthouse built**

**Troy: 2,000 residents  
 Piqua: 6,000 residents**

**A few thousand more  
 across rural townships**

2025  
**Miami County:  
 110,000 residents**

**Only county in the  
 region that grew in  
 the last census**

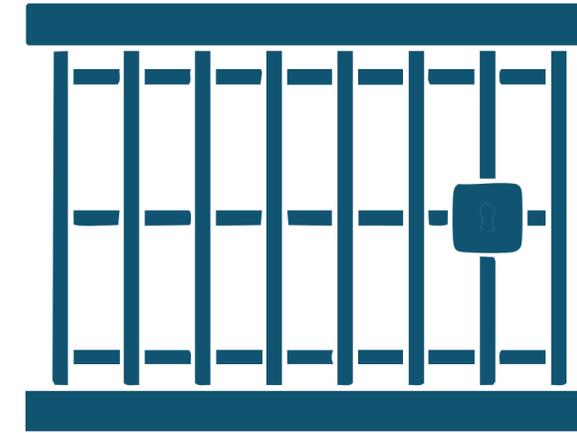


# Construction Cost



**Residential Per  
Square Foot Average:  
\$225**

vs.

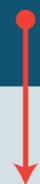


**Jail Per Square  
Foot Estimate:  
\$1,261**



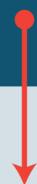
# Why the high cost?

## Security Infrastructure



Reinforced walls, tamper-proof fixtures, electronic locking systems.

## Specialized Spaces + Durability



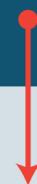
Medical units, segregation areas, control rooms. Materials designed for decades of use and vandal resistance.

## Compliance & Regulations



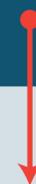
Strict regulations for safety, ADA, and inmate rights.

## Technology Integration



Surveillance, biometric systems, and centralized controls.

## Prevailing Wage



Can raise total labor cost by 10-30% and often exceeds local non-union wages by 20-40%



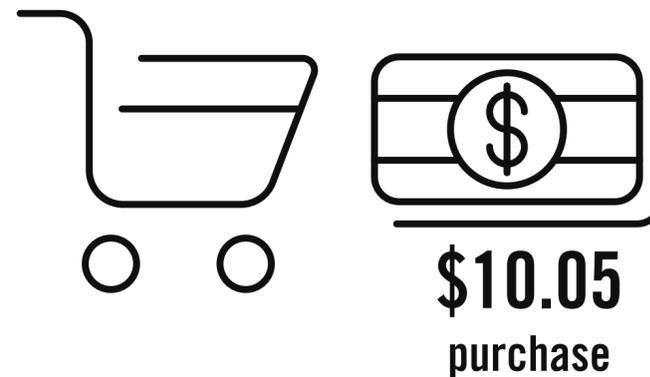
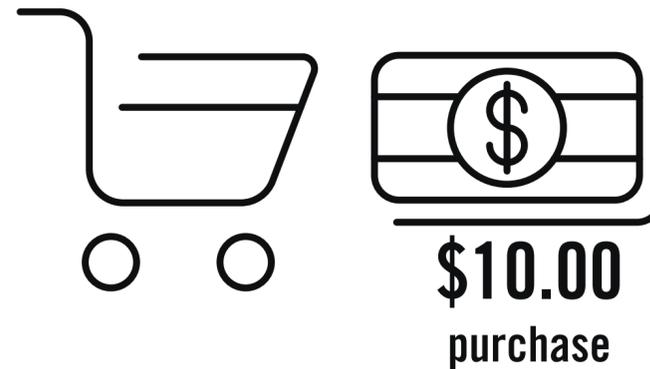
# Cost to Taxpayers

**Proposal: 0.5% sales tax**  
(1/2 of one percent)  
Sunset sales tax after 10 years

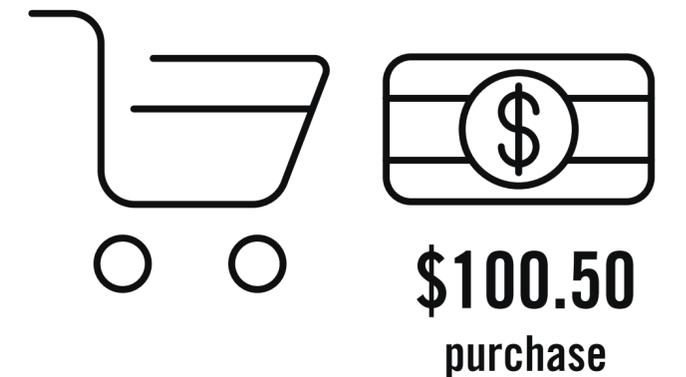
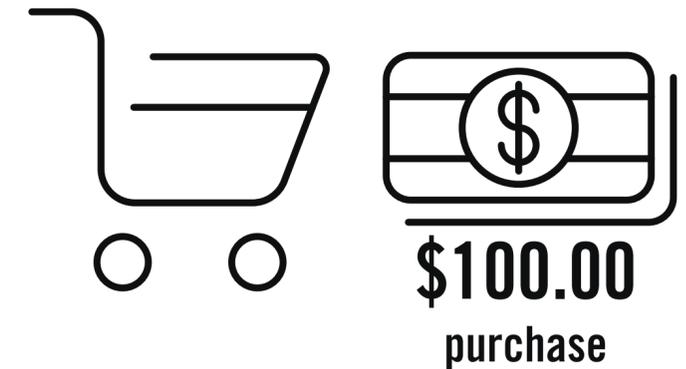
**Food and groceries are not taxed.**

**Visitors and shoppers from outside of Miami County help share the cost.**

Example 1



Example 2



# Jail Funding

**\$95 (100) m**

**\$10m**

County Funds  
Over 3 to 5 years

**\$15m**

Grants  
Federal and State

**Bond  
\$70m**

Total Bond of \$70m  
over 10 years (at 3.5%)  
incurs \$9m  
annual debt  
service

0.5% sales tax  
estimated to  
generate \$10m  
per year

Annual  
estimated  
excess

*Offset price over \$95m*

*Payoff bond early*



# Infrastructure & Staffing

- ★ Miami County has the land and infrastructure for expansion at IF (25-A location).
- ★ This would free up 1/3 of the Safety Building for future growth.
- ★ This would free up 40 parking spaces downtown.
- ★ No additional staffing would be required.



# In Conclusion

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- ★ Keeps Miami County safe and secure
- ★ Protects taxpayer investment with a long term solution
- ★ Costs the average family pennies per day
- ★ Addresses the mental health crisis inside our jail system
- ★ Provides room for county growth without raising property taxes

**Annual Increase of Construction Costs: \$2.5M**

