

Daily population of LMDC July 2022-Present



The in-bed capacity of LMDC is 1,353. There are some additional roll away beds but not many. Once the permanent beds and the roll away beds are filled incarcerated individuals have to sleep on the floor. Many of these folks are being held pretrial and simply cannot afford to pay the bail that has been set to free them. This piece represents the daily population of LMDC by ranges (below capacity, at capacity, 1,354-1,404, 1,405-1,455, 1,456 and above) for July 2022-present.* LMDC was at or below capacity only 2 days during this time. There are many who contribute to the jail population. It begins with LMPD making the choice to arrest instead of give a citation, next it is the courts who choose to set a bail for release (most often being a cash money bail but occasionally it can be property), and it is the prosecutors who make the choice to ask for and put in motions for higher bails and stricter release conditions. These numbers show a city that does not care about intervention before incarceration and the powers to be will use these numbers to build a bigger jail, that authorities will find a way to overcrowd because there is money to be made in holding people hostage.

We can begin to use these numbers towards freedom though! We can use this same data towards organizing to make impacts by voting on judges and prosecutors**, putting pressure on Louisville Metro Council to implement policy and budget changes, demanding LMPD issues more citations and make less arrests. Incarceration is a choice, it is a choice that our city leaders and authorities are actively making on our behalf daily. In June of 2022 Louisville Metro Council passed a budget that allocated over \$321 MILLION dollars to policing, incarcerating,

and prosecuting Louisville community members, making up roughly 25% budget***. How many people could we keep out of jail if we invested that amount of money into community based care and life giving services instead of the current systems of isolation and torture? What does your Metro Council member think is important to append city funds on? As elections have ended we can begin to look towards the next push for change by engaging our Metro Council members and gathering our neighbors to demand this upcoming budget cycle moves our city away from funding the isolation and torture of our community and instead invests deeply into our communities through funding community community based care and life-giving services that will ultimately help keep people out of the grasp of LMPD, LMDC, and the criminal justice system.

*LDMC posts a daily directors report of population information Monday-Friday, excluding federal holidays. The data used for this piece was gathered daily from these reports.

**In KY the prosecutors are voted on as the County Attorney and Commonwealth Attorney

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