

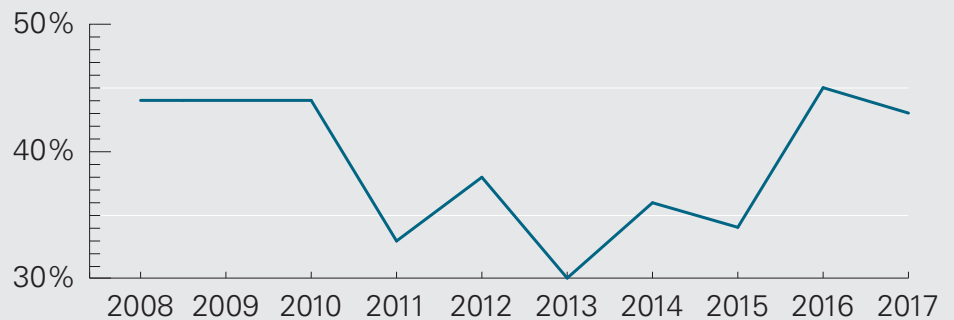


Serving Douglas County

The Douglas County Commission has approved a plan to improve the jail with an expansion and reconfiguration to provide better housing space for women and individuals who need special health care, as well as programming space for the jail's nationally recognized reentry services.

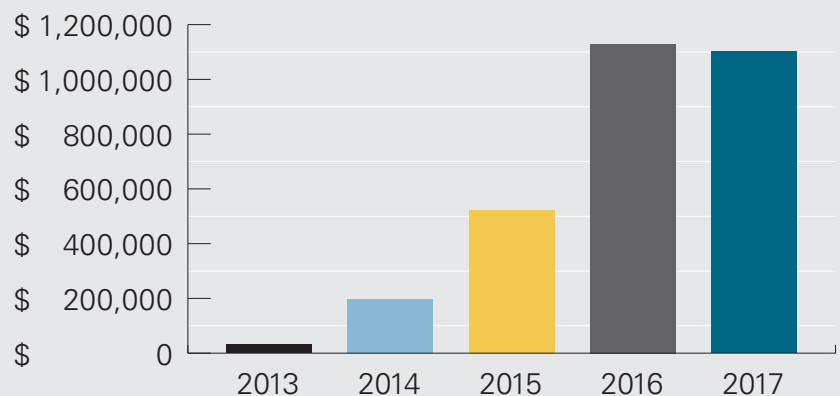
Recidivism Rates

Research shows that access to reentry programming has been proven to reduce recidivism. Douglas County's once low recidivism rate is on the rise, in part due to the lack of reentry programming for inmates who are housed in other jails.



Outsourcing Costs

Due to overcrowding, county taxpayers spend over \$1 million each year to send approximately 50–80 inmates elsewhere in the state, moving them farther away from their support systems and access to the jail's nationally recognized reentry programs.

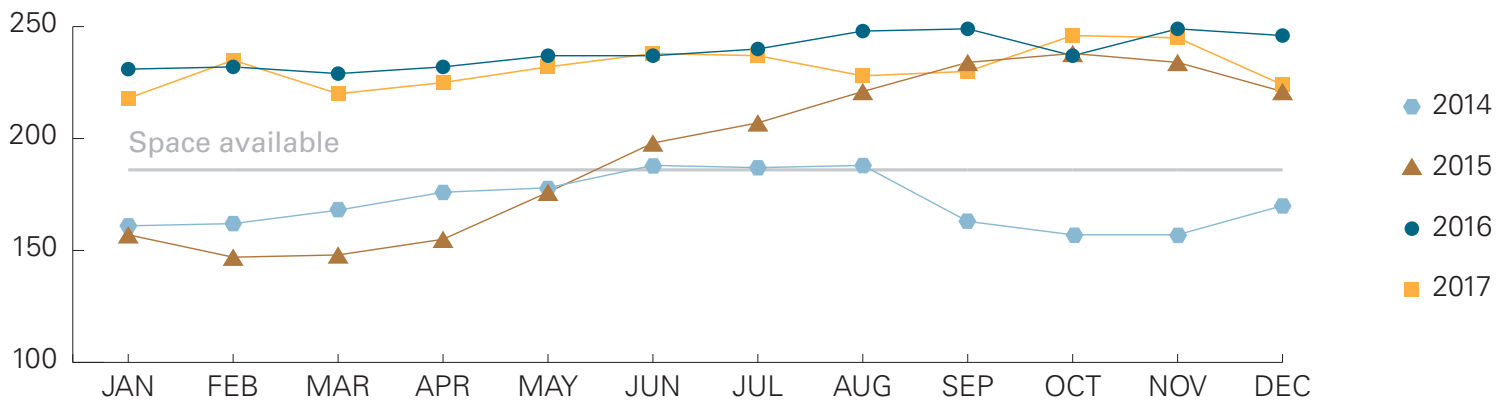


The County has a legal obligation to house individuals sentenced to the jail.

The County has a moral obligation to provide a safe environment and get inmates the help they need while they are incarcerated.

Legally, a jail expansion must occur – the question is how it is financed.

Average Monthly Jail Population



Between 2015 and 2016, Douglas County saw a sharp increase in the number of individuals in the jail as well as an increase in the number of days individuals were incarcerated.

Alternatives to Incarceration

The county has fully implemented a number of alternatives to incarceration to help alleviate overcrowding at the jail and to better serve individuals who can safely be diverted from the jail. Over the course of 2017, over 200 people were diverted.

Pretrial Release – 197

Behavioral Health Court – 15

House Arrest – 46

Without these programs, the overcrowding at the jail would be far worse and these individuals would have likely been sent to other jails. The proposed jail plan takes into account these programs continuing to be successful.

Douglas County has proposed a half-cent sales tax to finance a jail configuration and expansion and a mental illness and substance use disorder campus, including a crisis center and housing.

\$5 million

for crisis center and mental health/addiction services

\$750,000

for debt service on the crisis center

\$3 million

for debt service on the jail

\$1 million

for increased jail operations*



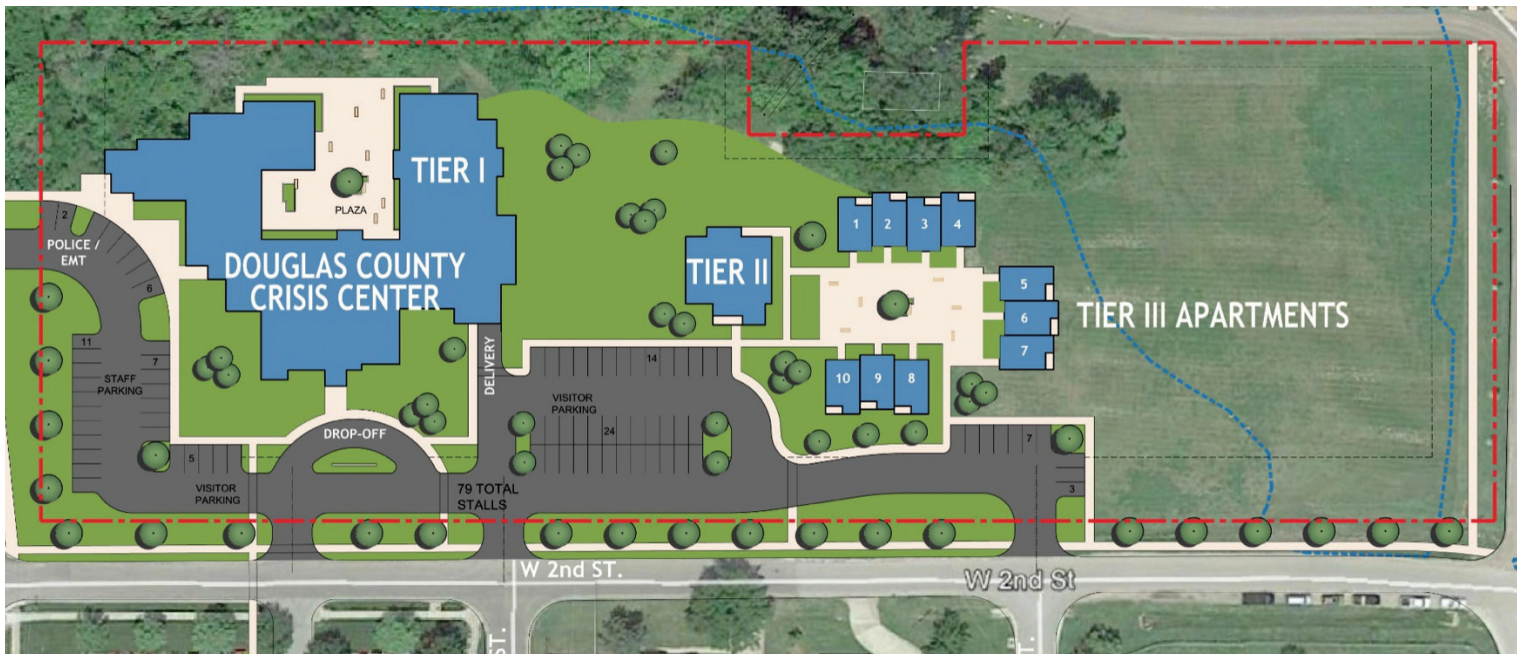
*Total operating costs for the jail expansion are estimated to be \$6.4 million (2017 est.).

The two projects are financed from the same sales tax revenue source and in the same ballot question. It is not an either/or choice, but an opportunity to serve the needs of individuals in the jail and in the community.

Improving Behavioral Health

Douglas County is collaborating with a broad coalition of community agencies to meet the needs of those who suffer with mental illness and substance use disorders. The vision is to build an integrated system of care that helps people move from crisis and illness as a norm, to recovery and prevention as a practice. The strategy is to *serve people where we find them* with a comprehensive solution *that focuses on intervention, recovery, and prevention* and *prioritizes safe and secure housing* for people suffering with mental illness and substance use disorders.

Building a Recovery Campus



Intervention

Build a 23-bed Crisis Center that provides medically-supervised assistance including:

- 23-hour observation and 72-hour stabilization
- Sobering areas
- Medication assisted detox to help the transition into recovery
- Housing for up to 14 days for stabilization

24/7 crisis hotline and case workers dispatched to clients in crisis

Dedicated bed space for youths in crisis

Recovery

Provide supportive housing on one campus.

Tier 1. Up to 14 days in crisis center

Tier 2. Transitional housing for 12 people (6 – 12 months)

Tier 3. Ten permanent housing units

Access to free smartphone app to get daily mental health and recovery tips and tools

Enhanced case management data system to ensure client needs are met among all providers

Integrated peer support across the system of care

Serving People Where We Find Them

County officials and healthcare providers don't get to choose where crises happen, but they can commit to meet people's needs at home, the hospital, in outpatient programs, and in the jail. We need to eliminate revolving doors and reduce recidivism both in the jail and in the community.

Existing Intervention and Reentry Services in the Jail

Douglas County's nationally recognized reentry programs provide important services to help every inmate effectively transition back into the community. Research shows that programs like these help reduce recidivism.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Anger Management

Assess – Identify – Divert Program

Behavior Therapy

Domestic Violence Awareness

Fathering Class

GED classes

Narcotics Anonymous

Relapse Prevention

Substance Abuse

Women's Substance Use Diversions

Writing Class

Proposed Prevention Services in the Community

With an integrated system of care, Douglas County can focus on prevention and recovery services for people with mental illness and substance use disorders.

Increased, timely access to psychiatry and outpatient services.

Implement nationally recognized program, Zero Suicide, across our health care system
www.zerosuicide.com

Access to free smartphone app for all residents to get daily mental health and recovery tips and tools
www.mystrength.com

Convene an opioid crisis summit in Douglas County

Expand WRAP beyond Lawrence to provide mental health professionals in schools in Baldwin, Eudora, and Lecompton

"We need to focus on the system of care, before, during and after a crisis has occurred. Through this community collaboration, that's exactly what we can do."

– Russ Johnson, CEO Lawrence Memorial Hospital

Community Partners

