# Responses to the COVID-19 pandemic

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### **Newest page updates:**

- Jails in Duval County, Florida, Anderson County, Texas, and Maricopa County, Arizona have each dropped their detained populations by around 30%. (See releases section.)
- New Jersey has begun to release people from prison, starting with 54 people released to home confinement. (See releases section.)
- Only three states have not suspended medical co-pays for people in state prisons: Nevada, Hawaii, and Delaware. (See medical co-pays section.)

Prisons and jails are <u>amplifiers of infectious diseases</u> such as the coronavirus, because the conditions that can keep diseases from spreading — such as social distancing — are nearly impossible to achieve in correctional facilities. So what should criminal justice agencies be doing to protect public health?

On this page, we're tracking examples of state and local agencies taking meaningful steps to slow the spread of the coronavirus. (So far, however, no state or municipality has implemented all of our <u>five key policy ideas</u>, nor met the <u>demands</u> issued by various organizations nationwide, and most state prison systems fared quite poorly on our survey of preparedness.)

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## Releasing people from jails and prisons

We already know that <u>jails</u> and <u>prisons</u> house large numbers of people with chronic diseases and complex medical needs who are <u>more vulnerable</u> to COVID-19, and one of the best ways to protect these people is to reduce overcrowding in correctional facilities. **Some jails are already making these changes:** 

• The <u>Duval County</u>, <u>Florida</u> jail population has dropped by approximately 16% over about a month, after the jail released people who were nearing the end of their misdemeanor sentences. (April 28)

- In Washington County, Oregon, early releases of people held for "low-level" offenses have reportedly helped drop the jail population by "half." (April 28)
- Maricopa County, Arizona, reduced the jail population since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic from an average of 7,500 to 5,306 people on April 24th (almost a 30% reduction). (April 27)
- The Sheriff's Office reports that in Anderson County, Tennessee, the jail population has dropped from an average daily population of 415 to 280 people on April 27th (a more than 30% reduction). (April 27)
- Approximately 300 people have been released from Orange County Jail in Florida in response to the pandemic. Those released were held pretrial.

  (April 25)
- In Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the local jail population has dropped by 17% since the beginning of April, following special court hearings to release hundreds of people held for low-level charges, cash-bail, and "nonviolent" charges. (April 22)
- Over the course of a month, the jail population in Hennepin County,

  Minnesota, dropped by 44% following collaborative efforts to increase jail releases. (April 22)
- In <u>Clark County</u>, <u>Nevada</u> (Las Vegas), 115 people have been released from county jail in the past week and the sheriff reports that over 100 more people may be eligible for release under the same court petition. (April 21)
- From March 1st to April 15th, the average daily number of people in jail in Denver, Colorado, dropped by about 41% following the release of people over 60 years old, those who are pregnant or have health conditions, people with low bond amounts, and those with less than 60 days remaining on their sentences. (April 21)
- Morgan County Jail, in Alabama, has released about 16% of their jail population 107 people since March 16th. The Sheriff's Office provided lists of detained people to be considered for release including those held for "nonviolent" offenses and those with medical issues. (April 19)
- As of April 14th, the Franklin County Jail population in Ohio has decreased by more than 30% over the course of 30 days. To do this, the county reduced average daily bookings from over 70 to about 25 per day and released people held pretrial for "non-violent misdemeanors," people over the age of 60, and people held for technical violations of probation and parole. Franklin County has a page detailing the steps they have taken to reduce their jail population available here. (April 17)
- The San Diego County Sheriff's Department has released 300 people from county jail on Wednesday April 15th, following the emergency order adopted by the Judicial Council of California on April 6th. (April 16)
- In the past months, 45 people have been released from the Centre County

  Jail in Pennsylvania, reducing the jail population to only 195 people. (April

  16)

- Over the past month, some jails in Pennsylvania including <u>Bucks County</u> and <u>Northumberland County</u> have reduced the jail population by 30% via increased releases. (April 16)
- The San Mateo County Sheriff's Office in California has released 382 people from their two county jails, including those who are 65 and older. (April 16)
- Approximately 1,000 people were released from the jails in <u>Dallas County</u>, Texas to help reduce the risk of transmission. (April 16)
- From March 18th to April 15th, the Washington, D.C. jail population has decreased by about 21.8%. (April 15)
- In <u>Cumberland County</u>, <u>Maine</u>, the sheriff reports that the jail population has decreased by 25% since January, due in large part to release of people who were held for "low level, nonviolent crimes" with less than 90 days left on their sentences. (April 15)
- After an April 3rd ruling from the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, almost 300 people were released from jails across the state. (April 14)
- Multnomah County Jail in Oregon has reduced their jail population by about 30% in the past month by reducing arrests and increasing early and pretrial releases. (April 14)
- A judge in the Bronx approved the release of 51 people jailed for alleged parole violations on Rikers Island in New York City. (April 13)
- 65 people have been released early from the Westchester County Jail in Valhalla, New York, following discussions between the District Attorney and the Legal Aid Society of Westchester. (April 13)
- A judge in Georgia ordered the release of over 100 people being held at the Dekalb County Jail, decreasing the jail's population by a reported 7%.

  (April 13)
- Between 150 and 350 people (almost a quarter of the jail population) are set to be released on April 13 from the Stanislaus County Jail in California following a statewide emergency bail schedule that reduced money bail to \$0 for "most misdemeanor and some low-level felony offenses." (April 12)
- In Alabama, Mobile Metro Jail's population decreased from 1,580 to 1,100 in four weeks. The people who were released were charged with nonviolent offenses, over 55 years old, or had preexisting medical conditions that made them particularly vulnerable to COVID-19. (April 10)
- Wayne County Jail in Detroit, Michigan has seen the jail population decrease by over 400 people since March 10th. This is primarily the result of the jail releasing people being held for misdemeanor offenses, as well as a reduction in arrests, serving warrants, and court hearings. (April 7)
- More than 100 people have been released from <u>Boulder County Jail in Colorado</u> following efforts from the district attorney's office to reduce the jail population based on preexisting medical conditions and utilizing personal recognizance bonds. (April 4)

- In Marin County, California, 40 people were released from jail on Friday April 3rd and the sheriff, courts, prosecutors, and defenders plan to review other cases for potential releases. (April 3)
- The <u>Hawaii</u> State Office of the Public Defender asked for the release of over 400 people detained in local jails. In response, the Hawaii Supreme Court has appointed a special master to coordinate potential releases with public defenders and prosecutors. (April 2)
- County jails in the <u>Detroit</u>, <u>Michigan</u> area have released hundreds of people in the past few days, with sentencing judges making the final determinations of who can be released. Wayne County Jail released 384 people and the Oakland County Jail population has decreased by over 150 people since March 24th. (April 1)
- Over the course of the month of March, <u>West Virginia</u> jails have reduced their overall population by over 600 people. (April 1)
- A Pennsylvania District Court judge ordered ICE to release more than 10 people being detained at the York County Prison, Clinton County Correctional Facility, and Pike County Correctional Facility because they are at elevated risk for serious complications from COVID-19. (March 31)
- The Legal Aid Society in NYC secured the immediate release of over 100 individuals held at Rikers Island on non-criminal, technical parole violations. (March 27)
- In Allegheny County, PA, 545 people held in the county jail were approved for release by the courts and physically discharged from custody. (March 27)
- In New Orleans, Louisiana, the District Court judges have issued orders calling for the immediate release of people held in the New Orleans jail awaiting trial for misdemeanors, arrested for failure to appear at probation status hearing, detained in contempt of court, or detained for failing a drug test while on bond. (March 26)
- New York City has released 200 people from Rikers Island in the past week, and expects to release another 175 people before the weekend.

  (March 26)
- The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department has reduced their jail population by 10% in the past month to mitigate the risk of virus transmission in crowded jails. To reduce the jail population by 1,700 people, the Sheriff reports releasing people with less than 30 days left on their sentences and the Department is considering releasing pregnant women and older adults at high risk. (March 24)
- New Jersey Chief Justice Stuart Rabner signed an order calling for the temporary release of 1,000 people from jails(almost a tenth of the entire state's county jail population) across the state of New Jersey who are serving county jail sentences for probation violations, municipal court convictions, "low-level indictable crimes," and "disorderly persons offenses. (March 23)

- In Salt Lake County, Utah, the District Attorney reported that the county jail plans to release at least 90 people this week and to conduct another set of releases of up to 100 more people in the next week. (March 21)
- In Arizona, the Coconino County court system and jail have released around 50 people who were held in the county jail on non-violent charges. (March 20)
- More than 85 people (almost 7% of the jail's population) have been released from the Greenville County Detention Center in Greenville, South Carolina, following a state order from the Supreme Court Chief Justice Donald Beatty urging South Carolina judicial circuits to avoid issuing bench warrants and start releasing people charged with non-violent offenses. (March 20)
- In <u>Hillsborough County</u>, Florida, over 160 people were released following authorization via administrative order for people accused of ordinance violations, misdemeanors, traffic offenses, and third degree felonies.

  (March 19)
- Court orders in Spokane, Washington and in three counties in Alabama have authorized the release of people being held pretrial and some people serving sentences for "low-level" misdemeanor offenses. (March 17 and March 18)
- In <u>Travis County</u>, <u>Texas</u>, judges have begun to release more people from local jails on personal bonds (about 50% more often than usual), focusing on preventing people with health issues who are charged with non-violent offenses from going into the jail system. (March 16)
- Ohio courts in <u>Cuyahoga County</u> and <u>Hamilton County</u> have begun to issue court orders and conduct special hearings to increase the number of people released from local jails. On a single day, judges <u>released 38 people</u> from the Cuyahoga County Jail, and they hope to release at least 200 more people charged with low-level, non-violent crimes. (March 14 and March 16)
- District attorneys in San Francisco, California and Boulder, Colorado have taken steps to release people held pretrial, with limited time left on their sentence, and charged with non-violent offenses. (March 11 and March 16)

Prisons have not been as quick to change policies and arrange for releases. But state prisons are filled with people with preexisting medical conditions that put them a heightened risk for complications from this virus. So far, we are aware of these state corrections departments taking steps to reduce the prison population in the face of the pandemic:

- In New Jersey, 54 people have been released from prison to emergency medical-home confinement, following an executive order from the governor signed on April 10th. This represents less than 3% of the people considered eligible for release under that order. (April 28)
- On April 16th, the Washington Department of Corrections published the names of over 1,500 people to be released early from state prisons. As of

- April 23rd, the governor has commuted the sentences of 293 people and about 41 people received work release furloughs. (April 23)
- In Virginia, lawmakers approved the governor's proposal to grant the Virginia Department of Corrections the authority to release people in prison for "nonviolent" offenses with one year or less remaining in their sentences. Previously, state prison releases had to be handled by prosecutors. (April 23)
- On March 23rd, the <u>Iowa Department of Corrections</u> announced the planned, expedited release of about 700 incarcerated people who have been determined eligible for release by the Iowa Board of Parole. Since March 1st, 811 people have been released from prison. On April 20th, the <u>Iowa DOC</u> announced that the department is in the process of releasing 482 more people early. (April 20)
- In Maryland, Governor Lawrence J. Hogan Jr. signed an executive order allowing for the accelerated release of people within 4 months of completing their sentence, prioritizing release for older people, and encouraging consideration of release to home detention. (April 19)
- On April 16th, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine authorized the early release of 105 people from state prison who are nearing the end of their sentence. On April 17th, he commuted the sentences of 7 people in Ohio state prisons.

  (April 17)
- The Colorado Department of Corrections granted early release to 52 people following an March 25th executive order from the governor, which gave the DOC authority to release people within 180 days of their parole eligibility. "Hundreds more" could be eligible for early release under the criteria set by this order. (April 16)
- In April, Oklahoma Governor Kevin Stitt commuted the sentences of over 450 people. An <u>initial press release</u> stated that approximately 400 of those people would be released on April 16th, but the Governor's office has since claimed this was a communication error, and it is now being reported that only about 100 individuals will be released on the 16th. (April 16)
- On April 10th, Governor Tom Wolf <u>agreed</u> to temporarily release people from <u>Pennsylvania</u> state prisons who fit the criteria of: "non-violent and who otherwise would be eligible for release within the next 9 months or who are considered at high risk for complications of coronavirus and are within 12 months of their release." This could affect up to 1,800 incarcerated people. As of April 16th, <u>8 people</u> have been released. (April 16)
- Following a <u>ruling</u> from the <u>Massachusetts</u> Supreme Judicial Court on April 3rd, 13 people have been released and 58 people have been paroled from state prisons. In addition, 23 requests for medical parole were approved. (April 14)
- In Michigan, the number of people being paroled from state prisons has reportedly increased by about 1,000 people per month to reduce prison density in the face of the pandemic. The Michigan Department of

Corrections reported that almost 13% of the state prison population is currently eligible for parole, and that the agency is looking to first release parole-eligible, "nonviolent offenders who are older than 60 with health issues, though no offenses are off-limits." (April 14)

- Maryland Chief Judge Mary Ellen Barbera ordered the state's trial courts to identify and release people in prisons who are at risk for COVID-19 and "pose no threat to public safety." (April 14)
- In New Jersey, the governor has signed an executive order to begin the process of "temporarily" releasing some people in state prisons who have been convicted of nonviolent offenses. We'll update this blurb when we learn the precise number of people who are being released. (April 10)
- The Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court ruled that people held pretrial for non-violent offenses and those held for technical probation/parole violations are eligible for hearings to determine if they can be released. (April 3)
- <u>Kentucky</u> Governor Andy Beshear signed an executive order to commute the sentences of 186 people convicted of felonies. The state also plans to release 743 people who are within 6 months of completing their sentences. (April 2)
- In <u>Wisconsin</u>, the Department of Corrections released 1,000 people held on probation or parole detainers (i.e. for a probation or parole violation). (April 2)
- In the month of March, the West Virginia Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation reduced their prison population by over 100 people. The releases included 70 people who were serving short prison terms for "parole-related sanctions," and some people who were eligible for weekend furloughs have had their furloughs extended to two weeks. (April 1)
- The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) announced on March 31 that it would expedite the transition to parole for 3,500 nonviolent offenders with 60 days or less left on their sentences, with priority going to individuals with less than 30 days left. (March 31)
- The Georgia Board of Pardons and Paroles has begun to review approximately 200 people for early release. They are considering people serving time for nonviolent offenses who are within 180 days of completing their prison sentences (or of their tentative parole date). (March 31)
- At least 6 women and their babies were released from a special wing that houses mothers and newborn babies at Decatur Correctional Center in Illinois. (March 27)
- In New York, Governor Cuomo announced that up to 1,100 people who are being held in jails and prisons across the state *may* be released with community supervision. (March 27)
- The <u>Utah Department of Corrections</u> has recommended over 80 people for release from state prisons to the Board of Pardons and Parole. The DOC reports that the people referred for release are within 90 days of completing their sentences. (March 26)

- The Director of the Rhode Island Department of Corrections is submitting weekly lists of people being held on low bail amounts to the public defender's and attorney general's offices for assessment in efforts to have them released. (Rhode Island is one of a handful of states that do not have jails, meaning that pretrial detainees are held in prisons.) The state DOC is also evaluating people with less than 4 years on their sentences to see if they can apply "good time" and release them early. (March 25)
- In <u>Illinois</u>, the governor signed an executive order that eases the restrictions on early prison releases for "good behavior" by waiving the required 14-day notification to the State Attorney's office. The executive order explicitly states that this is an effort to reduce the prison population, which is particularly vulnerable to the COVID-19 outbreak. (March 23)
- The North Dakota parole board granted early release dates to 56 people (out of 60 people who applied for consideration) held in state prison with expected release dates later in March and early April. (March 21)

### Reducing jail and prison admissions

Lowering jail admissions reduces "jail churn" — the rapid movement of people in and out of jails — and will allow the facility's total population to drop very quickly.

- In Maricopa County, Arizona, county prosecutors have reduced the number of charges they are filing, which has helped effect a jail population drop of almost 30%. In the first week of March 2020, prosecutors filed 734 cases, and last week, they filed only 107. (April 28)
- The population of the Halifax County Adult Detention Center, in Virginia, has decreased from 184 people in December 2019 to 150 people currently (about an 19% reduction). The jail administrator cites reduced court commitments, as well as individual court orders to release people. (April 26)
- In San Marcos, Texas, the city council passed a city ordinance that compels police to use citations -- instead of arrests and subsequent jail admissions -- for certain crimes, including marijuana possession under 4 ounces, petty theft, graffiti, criminal mischief, and other "Class C" misdemeanors. (April 23)
- Since the California statewide emergency order issued on April 6th, the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office has released half of the people who have been arrested with citations, rather than admitting them to the county jail. (April 20)
- In Kentucky, arrests have decreased from about 700 per day to 175 per day to reduce the pretrial jail population, according to the director of the Kentucky Administrative Office of the Courts. (April 17)

- The Lincoln County Sheriff's Office in Oregon reduced their county jail population to 83 people by reducing arrests (the average population is 165 people). Since March 14th, they have only admitted people who were arrested for "serious crimes" or people who "pose an extreme risk to the community." Instead, they have relied on citation and release processes. (April 16)
- In Ramsey County, Minnesota (Minneapolis), daily jail bookings have dropped by about 74% between the first week of March and the first week of April. Last year, the jail averaged 60 new admissions to the jail and this March, the average was under 20 new admissions per day. (April 16)
- In York County, Maine, police officers are making fewer arrests, issuing summons for less serious offenses, and judges are allowing sentences to be delayed. Over the course of the month of March, this approach reduced the jail population by about one third. Since March 11th, only 61 arrests have taken place in York County. (April 15)
- The Chippewa County Sheriff's Office in Wisconsin has reduced the county jail population from an average of 120 people to 50-60 people, primarily through citation and release rather than arrest and pretrial detention. (April 10)
- In <u>King County</u>, <u>Washington</u> (Seattle), jails are no longer accepting people booked for misdemeanor charges that do not present a public safety concern or people who are arrested for violating terms of community supervision. The Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention is also delaying all misdemeanor "commitment sentences" (court orders requiring someone to report to a jail at a later date to serve their sentence). (March 24)
- In response to the Oklahoma Department of Corrections' decision not to admit any new people to state prisons, Tulsa and Oklahoma counties are trying to keep their jail population down by not arresting people for misdemeanor offenses and warrants, and by releasing 130 people this past week through accelerated bond reviews and plea agreements. (March 22)
- District attorneys in <u>Brooklyn</u>, <u>New York</u> and <u>Philadelphia</u>, <u>Pennsylvania</u>, have taken steps to reduce jail admissions by releasing people charged with non-violent offenses and not actively prosecuting low-level, non-violent offenses. (March 17 and March 18)
- The state of <u>Maine</u> vacated all outstanding bench warrants (for over 12,000 people) for unpaid court fines and fees and for failure to appear for hearings in an effort to reduce jail admissions. (March 17)
- Police departments in Los Angeles County, California, Denver, Colorado, and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania are reducing arrests by using cite and release practices, delaying arrests, and issuing summons. In Los Angeles County, the number of arrests has decreased from an average of 300 per day to about 60 per day. (March 16 and March 17)
- <u>Baltimore, Maryland</u> State's Attorney Marilyn Mosby will dismiss pending criminal charges against anyone arrested for drug offenses, trespassing, and minor traffic offenses, among other nonviolent offenses. (March 18)

• In Bexar County, Texas, Sheriff Javier Salazar released a COVID-19 mitigation plan that includes encouraging the use of cite and release and "filing non-violent offenses at large," rather than locking more people up during this pandemic. (March 14)

Reducing prison admissions reduces the risk of viral transmission into the prison population and helps maintain a prison population size to which the facility can provide appropriate medical care.

- The governor of Colorado issued an executive order that gives the Department of Corrections director the authority to refuse to admit people to state prisons. (March 26)
- In <u>Illinois</u>, an executive order from the governor has halted new admissions to state prison facilities. (March 26)
- California's Governor Newsom signed an executive order halting new intakes at California's five state prisons and the four juvenile facilities, stating that the effort is to prevent transmission of the virus from jails into state prisons. (March 24)
- The <u>Colorado Department of Corrections</u> states that, in concert with law enforcement, arrests for "low level technical parole violations" are temporarily suspended to help reduce the number of people being returned to state prisons. (March 23)
- The Oklahoma Department of Corrections announced that they are suspending admissions of newly sentenced individuals to state prisons, in an effort to prevent the virus from spreading rapidly behind prison bars. (March 22)

# Reducing incarceration and unnecessary face-to-face contact for people on parole and probation

Limiting unnecessary check-ins and visits to offices for people on parole, probation, or on registries will reduce the risk of viral transmission. EXiT, a coalition of current and former executives of community supervision agencies, provides a <u>curated list</u> of measures that probation and parole agencies are taking, as well as their own <u>recommendations</u> to promote social distancing and support people under supervision. Some jurisdictions have adopted these recommended practices:

- The Mississippi Department of Corrections temporarily suspended checkins for people on probation, parole, house arrest, and any other forms of community supervision. Check-ins can now take place by phone, email, or video during the week. (April 1)
- The Arkansas Department of Corrections Division of Community
   Corrections has suspended supervision fees for the month of April 2020 and suspended face-to-face office visits. (March 20)

- In New York state, all in-person parole visits have been suspended and replaced with telephone call, text message, and video call check-ins. (March 20)
- The Rhode Island Department of Corrections announced that probation and parole offices will not hold in-person check-ins and that individual parole or probation officers will provide instructions to people on parole and probation about maintaining appropriate remote communication. (March 18)
- The California Department of Adult Parole Operations has reduced the number of required check-ins to protect staff and the supervised population by suspending office visits for people 65 and older, and those with chronic medical conditions. (March 17)

#### Eliminating medical co-pays

In most states, incarcerated people are expected to pay \$2-\$5 co-pays for physician visits, medications, and testing. Because incarcerated people typically earn 14 to 63 cents per hour, these charges are the equivalent of charging a freeworld worker \$200 or \$500 for a medical visit. The result is to discourage medical treatment and to put public health at risk. In 2019, some states recognized the harm and eliminated these co-pays. We're tracking how states are responding to the COVID-19 pandemic:

States that do not charge co-pays	States that have suspended all copays for incarcerated people in response to the COVID-19 pandemic	States that have suspended all co-pays for respiratory, flu- related, or COVID-19 symptoms	States that have not made any changes in co-pay policy regarding COVID-19 pandemic
California District of Columbia Illinois Missouri Montana Nebraska New Mexico New York Oregon Vermont Virginia Wyoming	Alabama Arkansas Connecticut Maryland Massachusetts Minnesota Idaho Louisiana Rhode Island Tennessee West Virginia	Alaska Arizona Colorado Florida Georgia Indiana Iowa Kansas Kentucky Maine Michigan Mississippi New Hampshire New Jersey North Carolina North Dakota Ohio Oklahoma Pennsylvania South Carolina South Carolina South Dakota Texas Utah Washington Wisconsin	Nevada Hawaii Delaware

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### Reducing the cost of phone and video calls

Most federal prisons, state prisons and many local jails have decided to drastically reduce or completely eliminate friends and family visitation so as to reduce the risk of COVID-19 exposure in facilities. In normal times, we would point to the significant evidence that sustained meaningful contact with family and friends benefits incarcerated people in the long run, including reducing recidivism. But it is even more important, in this time of crisis, for incarcerated people to know that their loved ones are safe and vice versa. While many facilities have suspended inperson visitation, only a few have made an effort to supplement this loss by waiving fees for phone calls and video communication. Here are two notable examples:

- The <u>Federal Bureau of Prisons</u> has made video calls and phone calls free. (April 14)
- Shelby County, Tennessee suspended jail visitations, but to maintain these vital connections between families, they are waiving fees for all phone calls and video communication. (March 12)
- The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) is providing free calls on three days each week (although there may be time limits imposed by individual facilities). (March 31)

Other jurisdictions have implemented cost reductions that - while better than nothing - still severely restrict contact between incarcerated people and their loved ones:

- The <u>Utah Department of Corrections</u> is giving people in prison 10 free phone calls per week, with each call limited to 15 minutes. (Calls that go beyond the 15-minute limit will incur charges.)
- Prisons in Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Vermont, and Pennsylvania are offering residents even smaller numbers of free calls per week. The same is true for jails in Middlesex County, Massachusetts; Harris County, Texas; and Montgomery County, Ohio.

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