
LANE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
NEWS RELEASE



Early Releases Decrease with Addition of 50 Local Jail Beds

In February of 2018, the Lane County Sheriff's Office added fifty jail beds to local capacity, increasing the number from 317 to 367. This was the fourth increase in jail bed capacity since the passage of the Public Safety Levy in 2013, and it's had a positive impact on the number of early releases, or capacity based releases (CBRs), from the Lane County Jail.

In the fiscal year prior to the passage of the Public Safety Levy (FY 12/13), over 5,000 inmates were CBR'd from the jail due to lack of funded jail beds. Some of these inmates were charged with violent felonies and Measure 11 crimes.

The initial addition of levy funded jail beds (2013-2016) decreased the number of CBRs by over 60%, and effectively ended the early release of those charged with violent felonies and Measure 11 crimes.

Since the increase in local jail capacity in February 2018, the Sheriff's Office has seen another significant decrease in CBRs compared to the same time period in 2017 (see chart below). From February 2017 to May 2017, the Lane County Jail CBR'd 912 inmates due to lack of funded jail beds. This year, with 50 more local jail beds available, CBRs for the same four month period in 2018 decreased to 366 (from 912 in 2017). With just a few days left in the fiscal year (FY), the jail is on track to CBR less than 1,700 inmates for FY 17/18 compared to 2,440 CBRs for FY 16/17.

"While we are still releasing inmates due to capacity, they are fewer in number and far less dangerous than the inmates who were being charged with violent felonies that were being released before the levy. We are proud to continue to report measurable impacts provided to the community from the Public Safety Levy and are extremely appreciative of the community's continued support," says Sheriff Byron Trapp.

Lane County Jail Capacity Based Releases

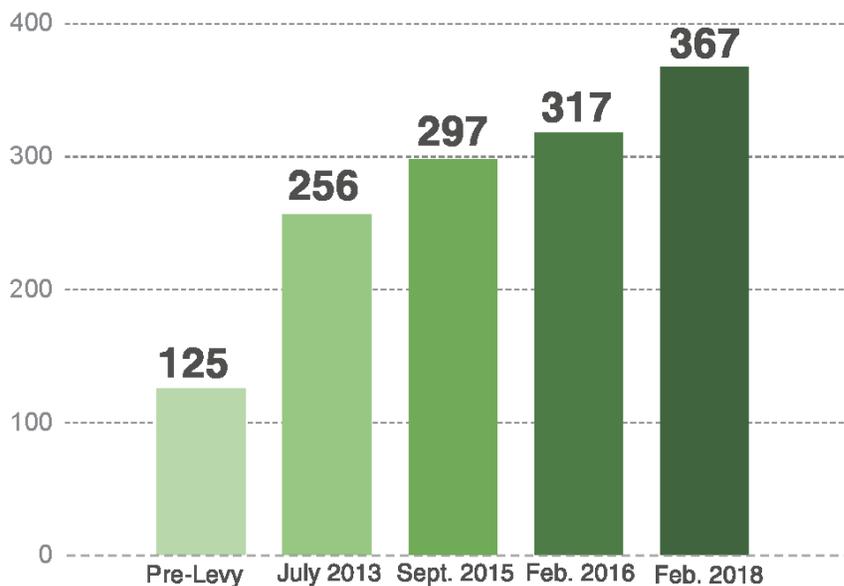
	2017	2018
February	247	106
March	236	47
April	212	95
May	217	118
Total	912	366

**** February 2018: Addition of 50 local jail beds, increasing local capacity to 367 jail beds.**

Lane County LOCAL JAIL BEDS



In 2013, Lane County voters passed a public safety levy that promised to keep a minimum of 255 local jail beds open throughout the five-year life of the levy. In 2017, voters overwhelmingly renewed the levy for an additional five years.



Pre-Levy Total Local Beds: 125

Prior to the levy, there were 125 local jail beds open.

July 1, 2013 Total Local Beds: 256

On the day the voter-approved levy took effect, the Sheriff's Office opened an additional 131 local jail beds for a total of 256.

September 7, 2015 Total Local Beds: 297

The Sheriff's Office opens an additional 41 local jail beds.

February 6, 2016 Total Local Beds: 317

The Sheriff's Office opens an additional 20 local jail beds.

February 3, 2018 Total Local Beds: 367

The Sheriff's Office opens an additional 50 local jail beds after ending a federal contract.



Levy funds are audited each fiscal year by an outside agency to ensure the Sheriff's Office is spending levy funds as voters intended. The first four annual audits released found that the Sheriff's Office is keeping its commitment to Lane County voters.