

# CJCC REPORT Charleston County Criminal Justice Transformation PLAN



The CJCC has created a six-part strategic plan to improve our local criminal justice system in the next three years.

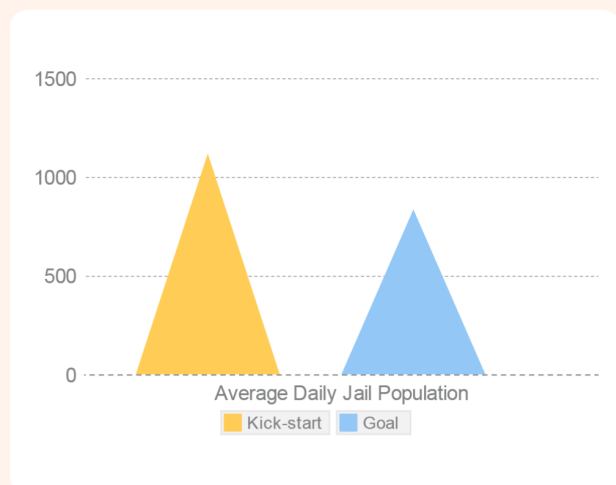
## Strategies

- Implementing a risk assessment instrument for law enforcement officers enabling them to have a uniform approach during decisions to arrest.
- Identifying and creating appropriate real-time alternatives to jail for individuals presenting behavioral, medical and/or social issues.
- Launch an automated court date reminder system to reduce the need for criminal bench warrants.
- Enhance the bond setting process to be more risk-based and provide bond setting judges comprehensive information about defendants.
- Significantly reduce the time it takes for General Sessions cases to be resolved.
- Create a centralized database where all agencies can share information and store data used for study and implementation of future improvements and projects.

## Goals:

Through the implementation of our six strategies, we plan to reach this goal in the next three years.

**25%**  
reduction in average  
daily jail population



\*We aim to make our system smarter, more efficient, and more effective. As cost savings are generated, we will purposefully reallocate existing resources to sustain these efforts over time and further improve the system.

# Some data insights

The CJCC performed an extensive study and analysis of data examining the process from the time individuals enter the criminal justice system through the resolution of their case.

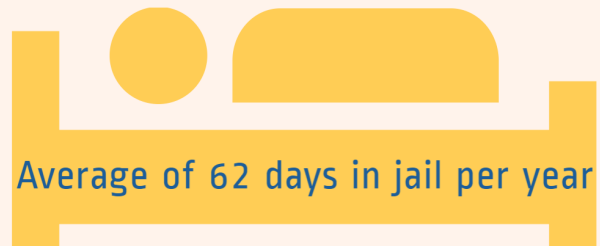
**631** frequent flyers booked 5 or more times  
2013 & 2014



**4,718** arrests

Predominately low-level charges.

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Average of 62 days in jail per year



**+ 2 million**  
in jail resources

How many bookings occurred at the jail in 2014?

**26,660** bookings

**Top charges:**

simple possession of marijuana  
public intoxication  
shoplifting (misdemeanor)  
driving on a suspended license  
no driver's license  
open container  
trespassing

Case Resolution Time



arrest

→ Case resolution

Data represents median number of days from arrest to case disposition in General Sessions court in 2014.

**191 days**

**350 days**



in jail



out of jail