

## Charleston County: 2024 Jail Use

Formally established in 2015, the Charleston County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) proactively strengthens the local criminal justice system and public safety through data sharing and analysis. The CJCC remains committed to accountability and transparency.

In comparing 2023 and 2024 jail use trends<sup>1</sup>:

- **Local jail admissions increased 19.4%** (973 in 2023 to 1,114 in 2024).
- **Local charges increased 16.33%** (16,095 in 2023 to 18,723 in 2024), **with 81.5% of those charges (15,260) issued to males.**
- Overall, jail admissions have decreased since 2014 (20,089). However, current years have seen continued increases, from 6,965 in 2023 to 8,370.
- The average jail length of stay decreased from 35 days in 2023 to 28 days in 2024. In 2024, the average length of stay for males was 33 days, while females had a shorter average stay of 12 days.
- General Sessions charges saw a modest increase of 1.2%, rising from 9,622 in 2023 to 9,742 in 2024. In contrast, Summary Court charges experienced a significant surge, increasing 43% from 5,390 in 2023 to 7,718 in 2024.
- The average jail length of stay for Summary Court cases decreased from 14 days in 2023 to 11 days in 2024. General Sessions cases also saw a reduction, with the average stay declining from 56 days to 53 days over the same period.

In 2024:

- **The local jail population** (excluding when the Detention Center is used for non-local jurisdictions, such as the federal government or Non-Charleston County agencies) **has increased since 2021 to 1,114 in 2024.**
- **91.73% of the jail's average daily population were male, with 60% being between the ages of 25 and 44 years old, and 67.5% identified as Black.**
- **Federal Court had the highest average jail length of stay at 244 days (for 42 individuals) followed by Mental Health Court, with an average stay of 182 days (5 individuals).**

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<sup>1</sup> All data presented in this document is drawn from the CJCC 2024 Annual Report found here: <https://cjcc.charlestoncounty.org/files/publications/2024-CJCC-Annual-Report.pdf>