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JAIL CAPACITY VS. FELONY CASES ADDED

The following are statistics regarding the percentage of total capacity in the Montgomery County Jail for months beginning Jan 1, 2013. Also included are the total number of felony cases (original cases filed by information or indictment, motions to revoke/adjudicate, and cases reactivated where an arrest warrant has been executed). Felony cases awaiting disposition typically make up anywhere from 55 to 70 percent of the total jail population at any one time. Assuming a relatively stable use of bonds at the point of magistration, the correlation between the number of felony cases added and the capacity of the jail should be relatively even.

A break in that correlation, such as a level number of felony cases added, but a more full jail, should drive discussion about felony caseload management practices. Conversely, an increasing number of felonies and a decreasing jail population would indicate more than adequate time and judicial resources giving attention to felony matters.

Capacity percentage information was sourced from the Texas Jail Commission Historical County Population Reports between January 2013 to November 2016 (<http://www.tcjs.state.tx.us/index.php?linkID=325>). Any months not included in this study have not been provided by the Texas Jail Commission. Information on felony cases added was sourced from the Texas Office of Court Administration Court Activity Reporting and Directory System (<http://card.txcourts.gov>).

Any questions about the enclosed study may be directed to Nathan Jensen at the contact information below.

Month	13-Jan	13-Feb	13-Mar	13-Apr	13-May	13-Jun	13-Jul	13-Aug	13-Sep	13-Oct	13-Nov	13-Dec
% Capacity in Jail	69.38	79.30	81.22	82.25	85.77	87.05	94.64	97.84	96.64	96.24	98.08	92.41
											CY13 AVG	88.40
# of Felonies Added	597	626	660	690	693	645	768	657	709	707	492	604

Month	14-Jan	14-Feb	14-Mar	14-Apr	14-May	14-Jun	14-Jul	14-Aug	14-Sep	14-Oct	14-Nov	
% Capacity in Jail	90.17	96.96	99.28	93.62	87.55	91.54	88.83	88.59	87.79	83.48	86.27	
											CY14 AVG	90.37
# of Felonies Added	685	836	734	678	666	659	723	643	677	672	520	

Month	15-Jan	15-Feb	15-Mar	15-Apr	15-May	15-Jun	15-Jul	15-Aug	15-Sep	15-Oct	15-Dec	
% Capacity in Jail	82.76	86.19	81.32	87.55	89.62	86.19	83.32	86.51	81.17	85.00	76.54	
											CY15 AVG	84.20
# of Felonies Added	622	602	688	723	684	658	631	662	642	414	528	

Month	16-Jan	16-Feb	16-Mar	16-Apr	16-May	16-Jun	16-Jul	16-Aug	16-Sep	16-Oct	16-Nov	16-Dec	
% Capacity in Jail	73.26	74.14	75.66	71.11	78.77	78.21	75.10	72.87	68.87	73.50	70.87		
												CY16 AVG	73.85
# of Felonies Added	407	520	544	546	638	720	632	606	708	680			



