

The Current Jail - 492 Beds



192 Beds Built in 1984
Need to be renovated
or replaced



100 Beds Built in 1995



Two 100 Bed
Temporary Units (PODs)
installed in 2015

Average daily population in February 2016 was 407.

The County Proposal

Jail with 569 beds for \$154,276,000

Sheriff's office for \$36,509,000

\$192.2 Million Bonded

\$274 Million with debt service

\$2600 per household over life of bond

This would be the largest capital project in the history of Dutchess County.

The most expensive jail and sheriff's project in NY in the past 10 years.

The Proposed Sheriff's Office



25,665 Square Feet

\$36.5 Million



55,800 Square Feet

What County-wide problem are we solving by building a new mega-sized Sheriff's office?

The Proposed Jail



569 Bed Jail

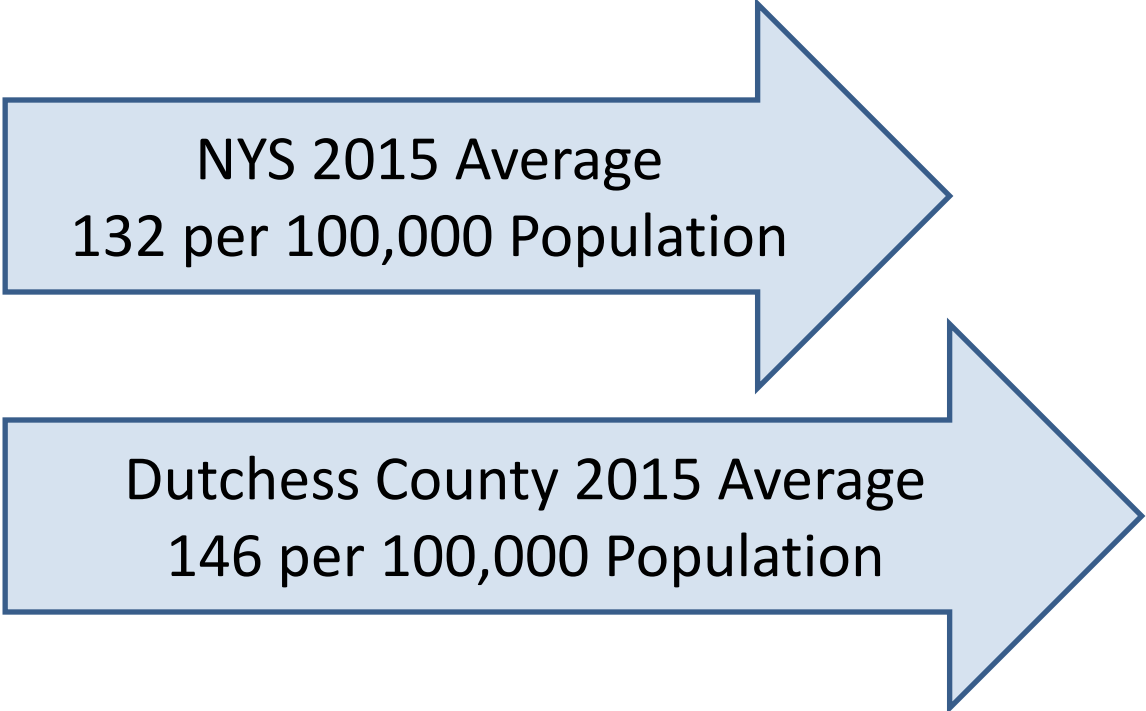
- 469 new beds
- Renovate 100 bed unit built in 1995

Modern unit

- Fewer Corrections Officers to inmate ratio
- Room for programs

But what size jail do we really need?

Rate of Incarceration

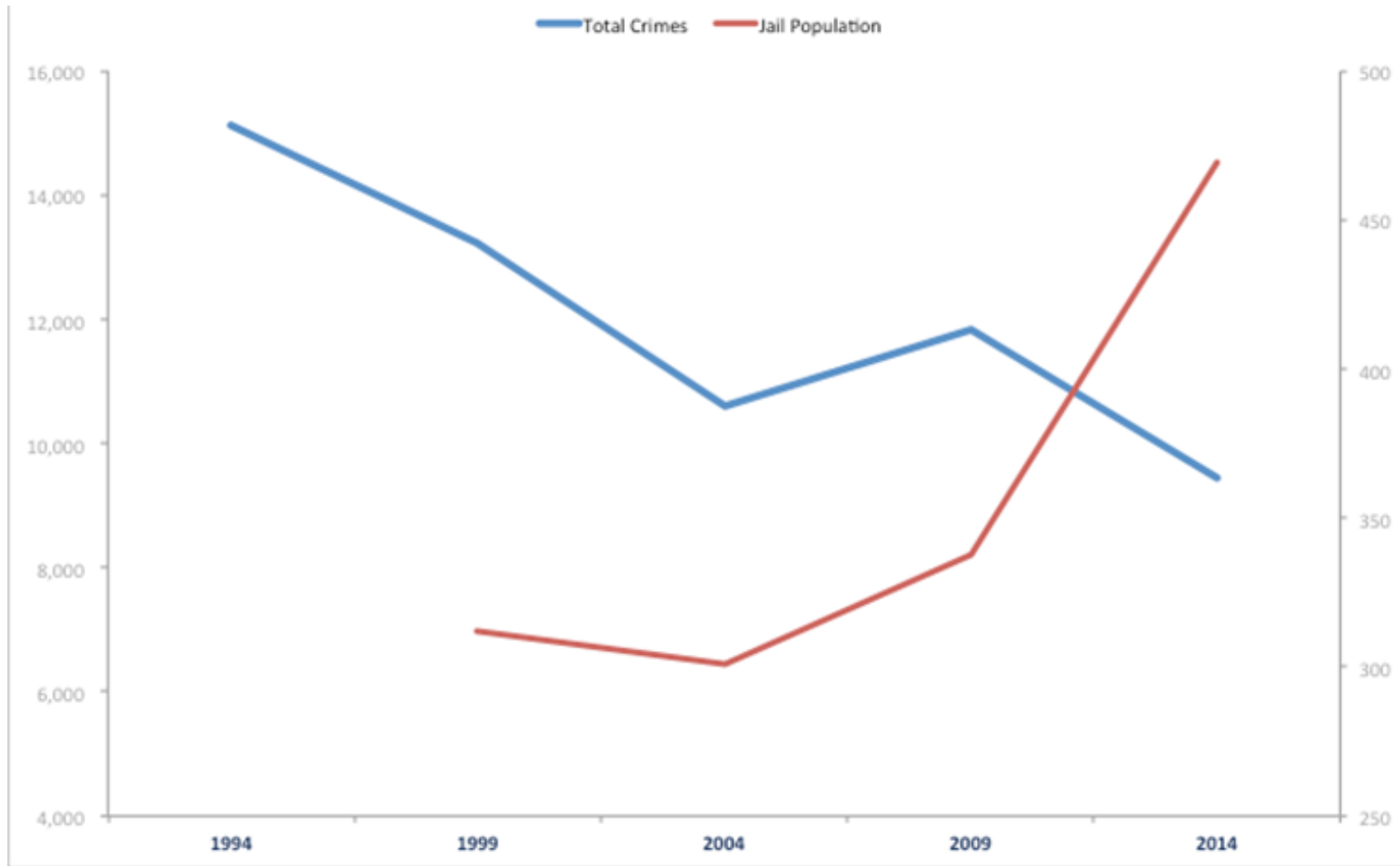


NYS 2015 Average
132 per 100,000 Population

Dutchess County 2015 Average
146 per 100,000 Population

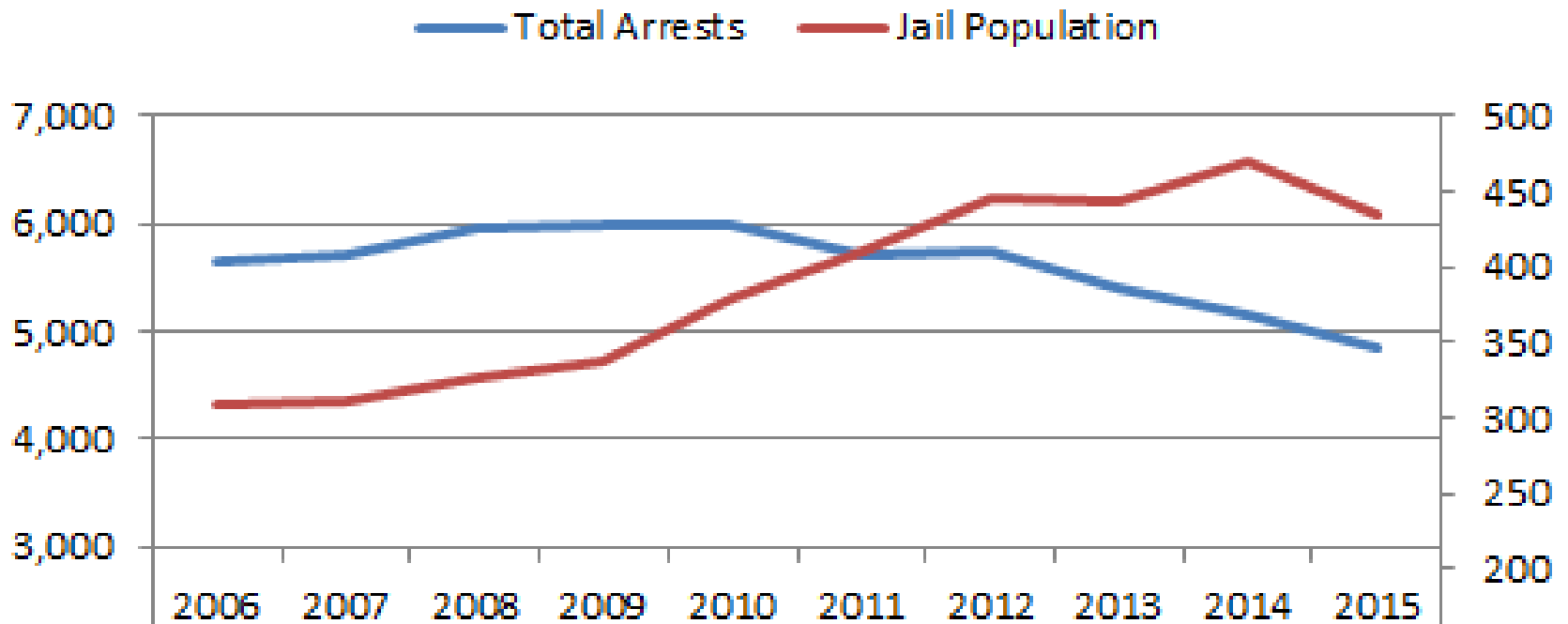
Why is the Dutchess County rate of incarceration per 100,000 residents above the NYS average?

Jail Population vs Crime



Why is the jail population increasing while the rate of crime is decreasing?

Jail Population vs Arrests



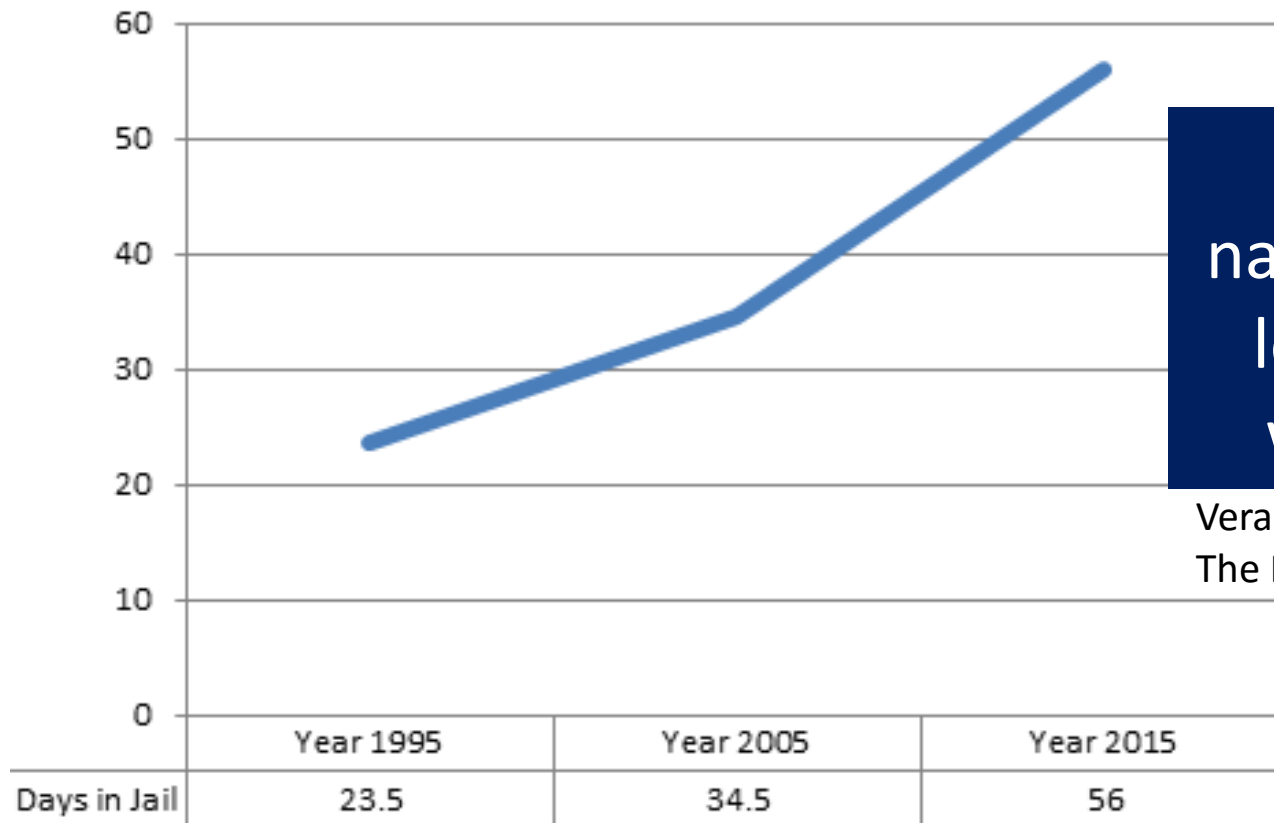
Population Up 41%
308 to 434

Arrests Down 14%
5653 to 4846

Why is the jail population increasing while arrests are decreasing?

Average Length of Stay (Days)

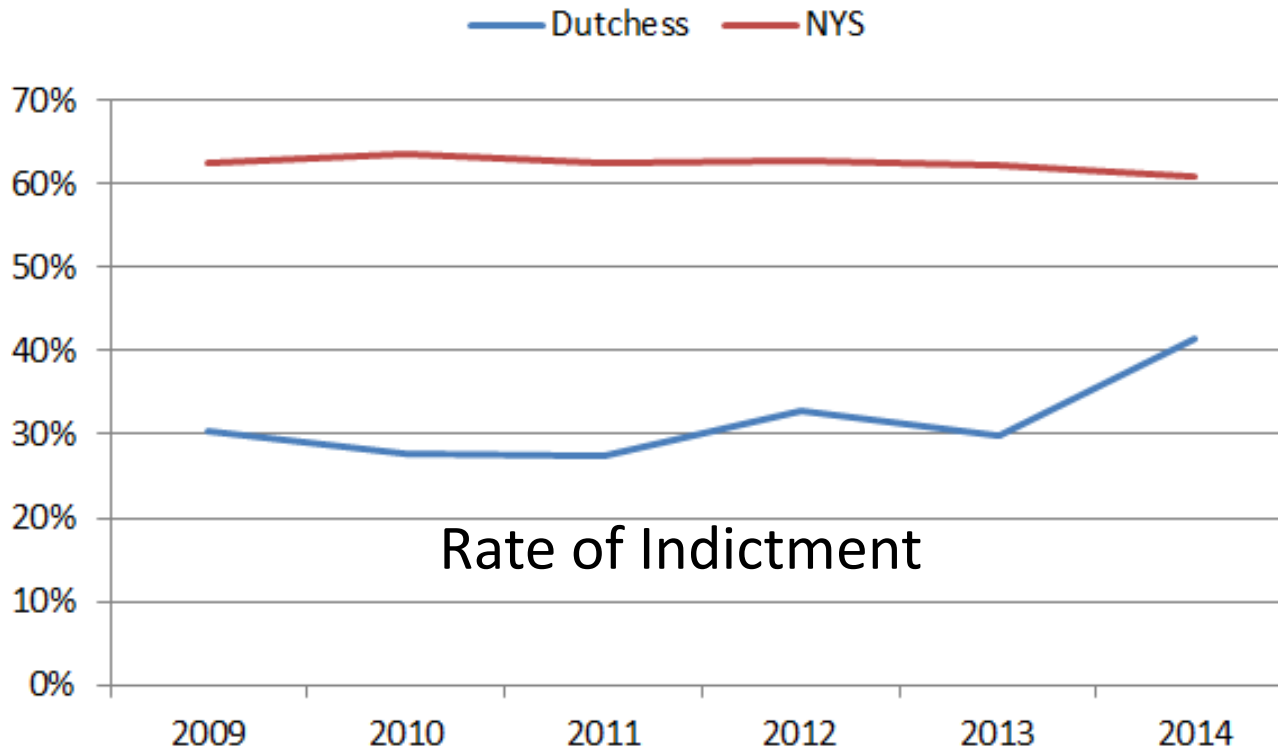
Average length of stay has doubled in 20 years. If we returned to the average length of stay in 2006, we would have less than 300 inmates in jail today.



In 2013, the national average length of stay was 23 days.

Vera Institute:
The Misuse of Jails in America

Why is the Length of Stay Increasing?



In Jan 2016, 70% of inmates were awaiting arraignment, trial or sentencing.

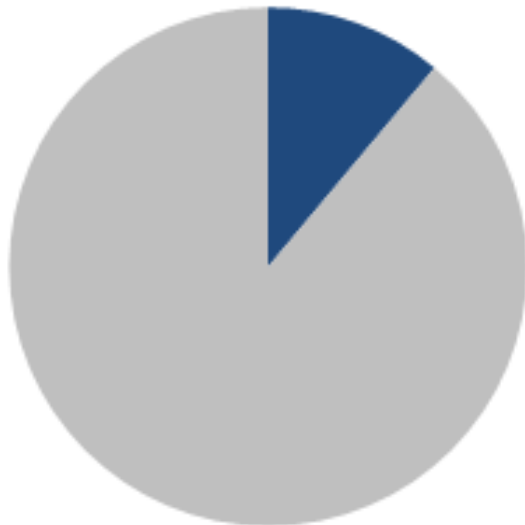
Dutchess is slower to dispose of cases and has a much lower rate of indictments than other counties.

Is Dutchess County violating the constitutional right to a speedy trial?

Black or African American Incarceration

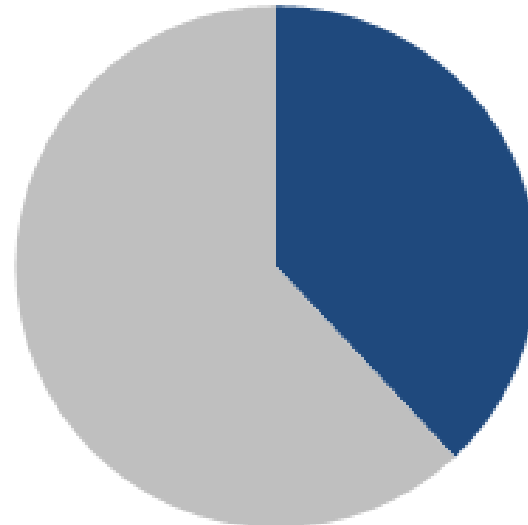
Percent of County Population

■ Black or African American ■ Other



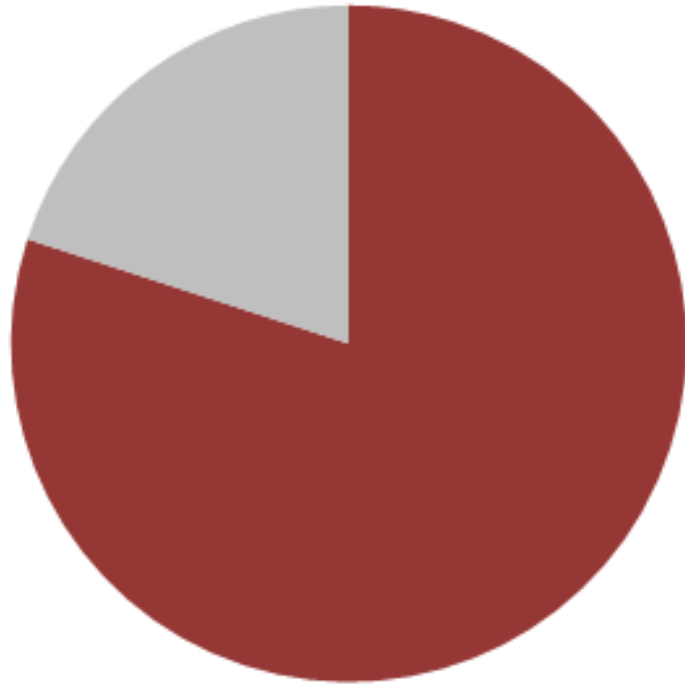
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11% of the County population
VS
39% of the Jail population

A Jail is Not a Treatment Center



People suffering from mental illness or substance abuse make up 80% of the jail population.

They need to be diverted from arrest to treatment programs outside the jail setting.

We Need a Right Sized Jail

Overcrowding is a result of a failed system.

- Addressing the problem requires
 - Efficient processing of inmates to reduce average length of stay
 - Diversion from jail for people suffering from mental illness or substance abuse
 - Treatment programs outside the jail setting
 - Youth programs to address racial disparities
 - Transitional housing and housing assistance

Will there be money for programs and services if we build a mega jail complex?

We Need to Vet Savings Assumptions

- The County claims that the plan will save \$5.4 million annually starting in 2021.
- The savings assume...
 - We do nothing to address overcrowding
 - Inmate population increases
 - Cost of housing inmates out increases
 - Interest rates do not rise by 2020 when bond is actually issued

No matter how you spin the numbers, the County will be paying \$10 million annually in debt service for this bond.

We Need a Complete Environmental Assessment

- Project needs site plan review by City of Poughkeepsie
 - Analysis of impact of increased traffic
 - Visual impact from the Walkway and the Rail Trail
 - Energy needs and use of renewable energy
 - Housing needs and impact on tax rolls
- Fire service requirements need to be assessed by City fire department
- Impact on Fallkill Creek needs to be thoroughly vetted
 - City is under a control plan to address problem of raw sewage discharged into streams after heavy rainfall

We Need a 90 Day Delay

There are too many unanswered questions to rush this through in less than 7 weeks.

- On February 4, legislators received the size and cost of the plan
- The public was not allowed to ask questions until Tuesday February 16

On March 21, legislators need to vote for a 90 day delay to evaluate alternatives and get public feedback.