

Officials Deny Overcrowding, but 29% of People in Jail Assigned to Sleep on the Floor

By Sara Whitaker, December 2023

Regional Jail Facility	Facility Opened	Originally Designed to House	Additional Beds Created by DCR	Capacity Reported by DCR on 12/4/23	Population on 12/4/23	Population % of DCR's Stated Capacity	Population % of Original Design Capacity	People Assigned to Floor on 12/4/23	% of People in Jail Assigned to Floor
Central Regional Jail	1993 (February)	200	112	312	330	105.8%	165.0%	42	12.7%
Eastern Regional Jail	1999 (June)	296	152	448	456	101.8%	154.1%	164	36.0%
North Central Regional Jail	2001 (August)	394	170	564	760	134.8%	192.9%	228	30.0%
Northern Regional Jail	1994 (November)	202	87	289	304	105.2%	150.5%	94	30.9%
Potomac Highlands Regional Jail	2000 (February)	200	112	312	206	66.0%	103.0%	55	26.7%
South Central Regional Jail	1993 (July)	298	162	460	478	103.9%	160.4%	162	33.9%
Southern Regional Jail	1994 (June)	304	164	468	429	91.7%	141.1%	156	36.4%
Southwestern Regional Jail	1998 (April)	297	171	468	463	98.9%	155.9%	176	38.0%
Tygart Valley Regional Jail	2005 (August)	298	70	368	380	103.3%	127.5%	7	1.8%
Western Regional Jail	2003 (December)	394	182	576	594	103.1%	150.8%	200	33.7%
Total		2,883	1,382	4,265	4,400	103.2%	152.6%	1,284	29.2%

Sources

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