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Monthly Progress on New York City's Roadmap to Closing Rikers Island

ACCOMPLISHED IN THE LAST MONTH:

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New York City's jail population is down 20% in the last four years and we continue to have the lowest incarceration rate of any big city in the country. One strategy the City is implementing to reduce the jail population further is offering permanent supportive homes to 120 of the individuals who most frequently cycle through jail on low-level charges and who struggle with homelessness and substance use. This evidence-driven model is based on a program that reduced jail admissions by 38% for participants.

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To prepare for moving all 16 and 17 year olds off Rikers Island the City is currently undertaking a \$55 million renovation process of the City's two existing juvenile detention facilities, to develop additional programming, educational and recreational space as well as make health and safety improvements. Additionally, two weeks ago, the City presented its plan to the State to develop an additional intake center to have the total capacity and services needed to serve all young people in detention.

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New York City selected the non-profit providers that will implement re-entry services for everyone who leaves city jails as well as offer transitional employment and job placement services for everyone leaving jail after serving a city sentence. These services will be in place early next year.

4 TASK FORCE

The Justice Implementation Task Force Working Groups are fully up and running, actively involved in shaping and helping to implement the City's strategies to move toward a smaller, safer and fairer justice system. For a complete list of the over 75 members of the Task Force, **visit nyc.gov/closerikers**.

UPDATES ON THE STRATEGIES IN THE CITY'S ROADMAP TO CLOSING RIKERS ISLAND:

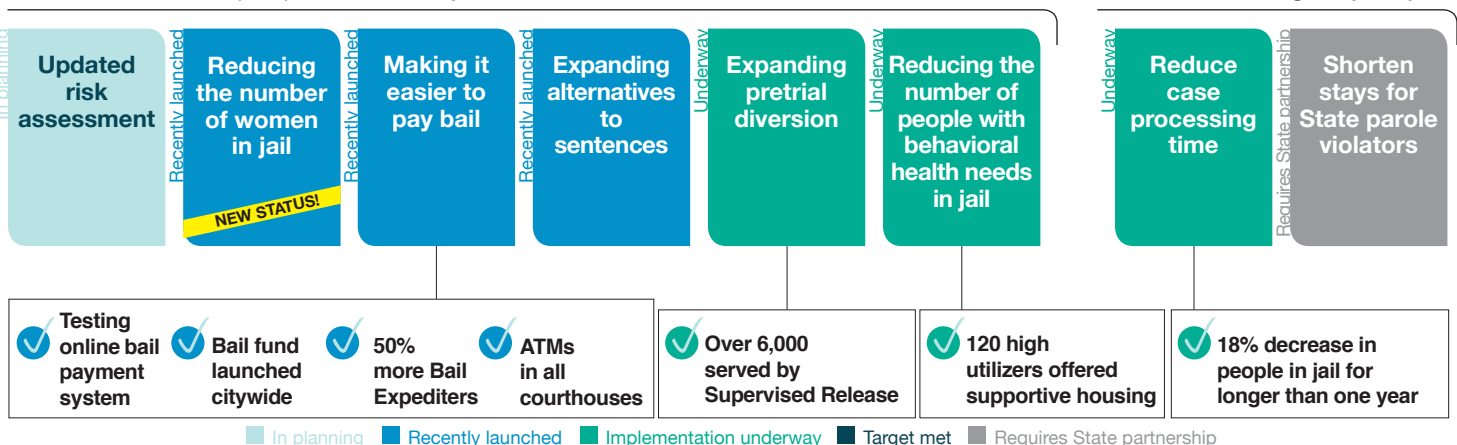
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SAFELY REDUCING THE SIZE OF THE JAIL POPULATION

Strategy Overview: The Roadmap includes eight strategies to reduce the size of the city's jail population by 25% over the next five years. Seventy-five percent of these strategies are already underway and producing results, with nearly half newly launched in the last few months.

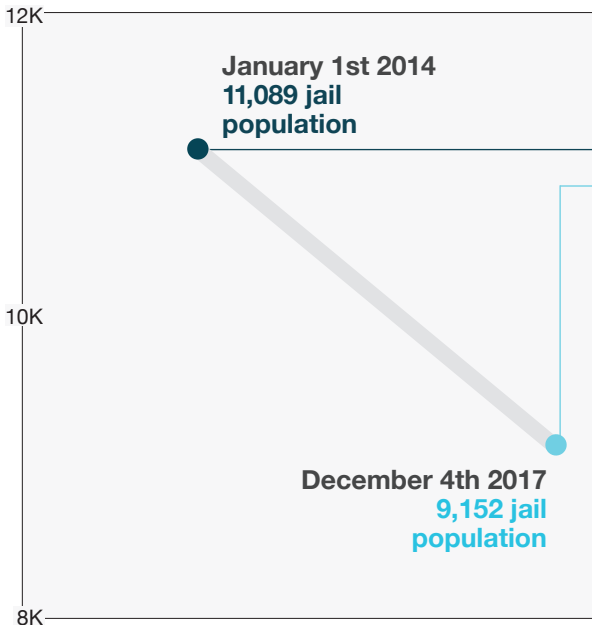
Reduce number of people who enter jail

Reduce how long they stay



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Who is in jail? **PROGRESS SNAPSHOT**



The Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice analysis of New York City Department of Correction data, Dec 2017.

JANUARY 1st 2014

Jail population	11,089
Misdemeanor	995
Violent felony	3,969
Nonviolent felony	3,343
City sentenced	1,600
State parole violators	521
Other	661

CURRENT

Jail population	9,152	% Change	Direction
Misdemeanor	599	-40%	↓
Violent felony	3,406	-14%	↓
Nonviolent felony	2,748	-18%	↓
City sentenced	1,222	-24%	↓
State parole violators	667	+28%	↑
Other	510	-23%	↓

HIGHLIGHTS:

Both crime and incarceration continue to fall in New York City, proof that we can have a safer city with a smaller criminal justice system. In just the last six months, **the average daily jail population is down by 149** and **major crime is down by 5%** year-to-date in 2017 compared to the same period last year.

NYPD Compstat data 2017.

KEY TRENDS

(December 2013-December 2017)

-36%
in young adults
(18 to 21-year-olds)
in custody

-48%
in adolescents
(16- & 17-year-olds)
in custody

-18%
in people in
custody for longer
than one year

PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

New York City has placed 120 of the individuals who most frequently cycle through jail on low-level charges into permanent supportive homes, a program based on an evidence-driven model that led to:

Fewer returns to jail **38%** reduction in jail admissions over two years*

Less shelter use **90%** reduction in both shelter admissions over two years*

Improved health outcomes **55%** reduction in days in a psychiatric hospital over 2 years*

IMPLEMENTATION HIGHLIGHT

In New York City—with a population of nearly 9 million—approximately 630 people most frequently cycle in and out of jail, defined as those who have entered jail an average of three or more times over each of the last five years. These individuals tend to be detained on non-violent, low-level charges and struggle with homelessness and substance use. One strategy the City has developed to help this population stabilize is a program that provides permanent supportive housing. The City's program uses an evidence-driven model that has been shown to reduce returns to jail by 38% for participants. The City is also currently working with experts from inside and outside of government to develop additional strategies for this population.

Learn more about this program, funded by the District Attorney of Manhattan's office, at rikers.cityofnewyork.us.

*Outcome data from Frequent Users Service Enhancement (FUSE) Initiative: New York City FUSE II Evaluation Report (2014), available at <https://csgjusticecenter.org/reentry/publications/frequent-users-service-enhancement-fuse-initiative-new-york-city-fuse-ii-evaluation-report/>.

2 SAFER CREATING SAFE AND HUMANE ENVIRONMENTS

Strategy Overview: The Roadmap includes five strategies to ensure everyone who works or is incarcerated in city jails is in a safe and humane environment as quickly as possible.



This month marked a major milestone toward meeting the goal of moving adolescents off Rikers by October 2018, through the formal request to the State for use of a state-run juvenile reception center to serve as an intake facility for all young people entering detention. Alongside the \$55 million renovation underway at the City’s two existing juvenile detention centers, Crossroads in Brownsville, Brooklyn and Horizon in Mott Haven, South Bronx, this would give the City the capacity it needs to move 16- and 17-year-olds off the Island.

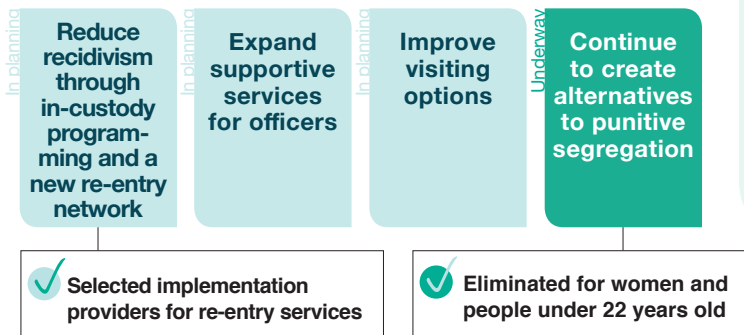
“DDC is working with ACS, the Mayor’s Office of Criminal Justice and DOC to create secure facilities that also offer supportive programs to place adolescents on a trajectory toward success. Collaboratively we will ensure the security of residents, staff, visitors and the community, and will emphasize a therapeutic and enriching environment to steer teens toward productive futures and reintegrate them to the community.”

Ana Barrio, Acting Commissioner of the New York City Department of Design and Construction

PERSPECTIVES FROM THE JUSTICE IMPLEMENTATION TASK FORCE

3 FAIRER CHANGING THE CULTURE AND PURPOSE OF JAILS

Strategy Overview: The Roadmap includes four strategies to improve the culture in city jails.



PERSPECTIVES FROM OUR PARTNERS

“Housing Works is committed to partnering with the Mayor’s Office of Criminal Justice to take a call to action by servicing individuals involved in the criminal justice system. This partnership would allow individuals fair, equal access to health and wellness services and workforce development opportunities. Housing Works is dedicated to building safer, healthier communities and playing a key role in reducing recidivism through New York City’s Department of Correction.”

Danielle Spina, Director of the SMART Program, Housing Works, Inc.

IMPLEMENTATION HIGHLIGHT

In the last month, the Mayor’s Office of Criminal Justice selected the eight non-profits who will provide re-entry services for everyone leaving city jails beginning in 2018. These networks will provide people returning to the community with help enrolling in benefits, finding employment and housing, and connecting to healthcare. Additionally, these providers will offer everyone leaving jail after serving a city sentence short-term transitional employment as part of the Jails to Jobs initiative.

The complete list of selected providers is Housing Works, Fedcap, Fortune Society, Friends of Island Academy, Greenhope Services for Women, Osborne Association, Samaritan Daytop Village, and Women’s Prison Association. These providers will be creating service networks through partnerships with a wide array of subcontractors, including the Center for Employment Opportunities and Exodus Transitional Community.