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

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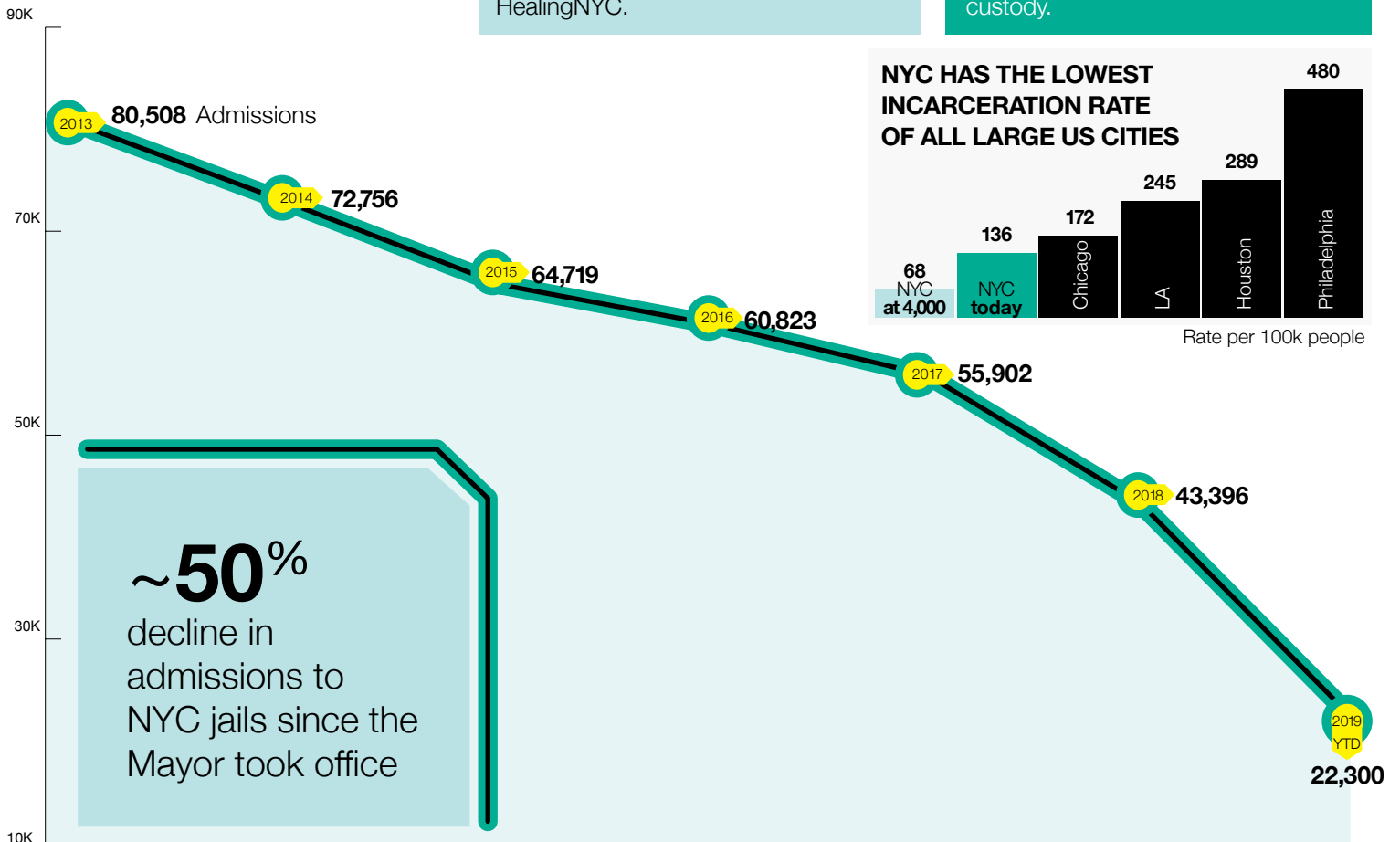
As crime continues to decline, the number of jail admissions in July 2019 fell by roughly 50% since the Mayor took office, with fewer than 40,000 for the first time in decades. The average daily population in city jails is at the lowest rate since the late 1970s when crime was approximately seven times the rate today.

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Correctional Health Services (CHS) announced a new city/state/private partnership that enables certain patients receiving methadone maintenance in jails to continue treatment without interruption at designated state facilities. CHS, which already operates the nation's first and largest jail-based opioid treatment program, tripled its investment in Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) in City jails through HealingNYC.

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The Department of Correction (DOC) hired a new Director of LGBTQ+ Initiatives, who will be implementing directives applicable to gender identity and sexual orientation related issues; ensuring that LGBTQ+ individuals have access to appropriate programs and services; and leading training initiatives to equip DOC employees with the awareness needed to service LGBTQ+ identifying staff and individuals in custody.



BOROUGH-BASED JAILS PLAN

The City is at a key juncture in the Uniform Land Use Review Process (ULURP). The City Planning Commission will vote on the City's application on September 3rd, 2019. If the Commission approves the application, it will then move to the City Council, which has 50 days for review. The Council vote is expected in October 2019. If the Council approves the plan, the City will release the first Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the new facilities in fall 2019. The RFQ lays out the requirements of the teams that can ultimately apply for the project.