

Tennessee Department of Correction Monthly Jail Population Report

Single-day Snapshot – March 31, 2026

Total Jail Population 27,231

Total Male 22,913
Percent Male 84.1%

Total Female 4,318
Percent Female 15.9%

Total TDOC Backup 4,813

Total Locally Sentenced 2,627

Total Other Convicted Felons 904

TDOC Backup includes convicted felons sentenced to TDOC but currently in a county jail. There is one exception included in "Other Convicted Felons" for anyone sentenced to TDOC, released to community supervision, returned for a violation and awaiting a revocation hearing.

Those locally sentenced have been convicted of a felony and have been sentenced to serve their time in a local jail, workhouse or other facility. This is generally for sentences of less than a year or less than two years in counties with a contract with TDOC. The largest counties keep local sentences up to six years.

Other convicted felons include those who have been convicted but who are still awaiting sentencing and those who have been convicted and sentenced, subsequently released to community supervision, returned for a violation of supervision conditions and awaiting a revocation hearing.

Total Pre-Trial Felony Detainees 10,494

Total Pre-Trial Misdemeanor Detainees 4,126

Total Federal/Other Detainees: 1,161

Total Convicted Misdemeanants 3,106

Capacity is determined at annual inspection by Tennessee Corrections Institute officials in accordance with minimum standards for local correctional facilities, authorized pursuant to T.C.A. § 41-4-140. Facilities consistently operating over capacity may be required to submit a Plan of Action that is reasonably expected to eliminate fixed ratio deficiencies in that facility to remain certified.

Capacity %	Facilities	Offenders	% Offenders
100 Plus	22	7,166	26.3%
95 to < 100	9	5,201	19.1%
90 to < 95	6	1,657	6.1%

Capacity %	Facilities	Offenders	% Offenders
75 to < 90	29	4,712	17.3%
50 to < 75	34	7,604	27.9%
Less than 50	12	891	3.3%

Jail population data reported monthly by county jail personnel. Inspection and certification data reported quarterly by Tennessee Correctional Institute.