

Department of Correction Monthly Jail Population Report

Single-Day Snapshot – August 31, 2026

Total Jail Population: 27,854	Total Male: 23,409 Percent Male: 84.0%	Total Female: 4,445 Percent Female: 16.0%
Total TDOC Backup: 4,695	Total Locally Sentenced: 2,752	Total Other Convicted Felons: 840

Category	Description
TDOC Backup	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.
Locally Sentenced Individuals	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	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: 10,929	Total Pre-Trial Misdemeanor Detainees: 4,352
Total Federal/Other Detainees: 1,275	Total Convicted Misdemeanants: 3,011

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	26	11,285	40.5%
95 to < 100	3	1,709	6.1%
90 to < 95	4	546	2.0%

Capacity %	Facilities	Offenders	% Offenders
75 to < 90	33	7,571	27.2%
50 to < 75	34	5,971	21.4%
Less than 50	10	772	4.7%

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