

Striking a Balance

Iowa Department of Corrections

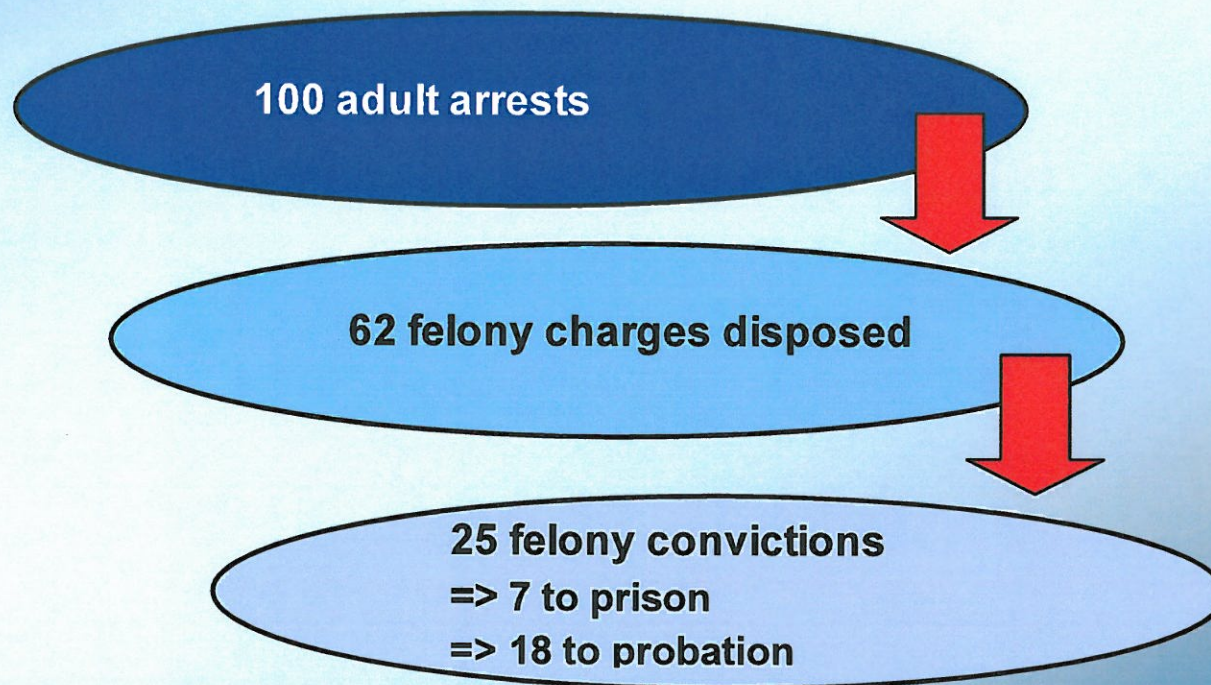
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The Criminal Justice System

- ➔ In 2009/FY2010, 25 of 100 adult arrests resulted in prison or probation sentences



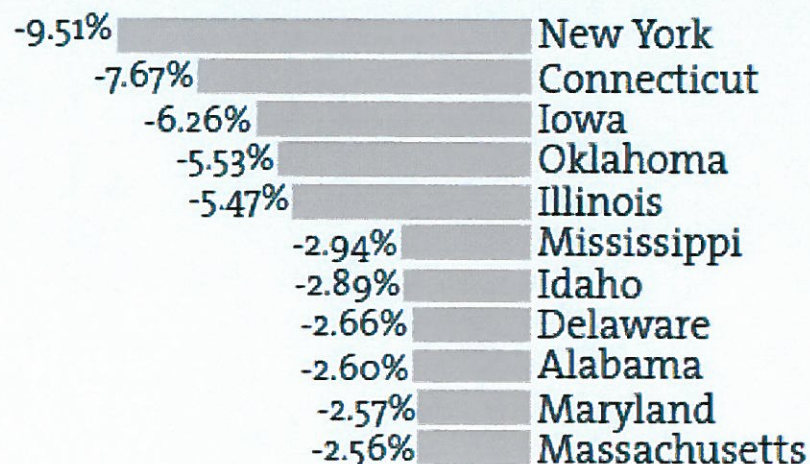
Arrests are Group A only.



Iowa Rankings

Iowa ranks 49th in corrections spending per capita, but also saw the third largest decrease in corrections appropriations for FY2011

Figure 3: Percentage Change in State Corrections Appropriations, Fiscal Year 2010 to Fiscal Year 2011



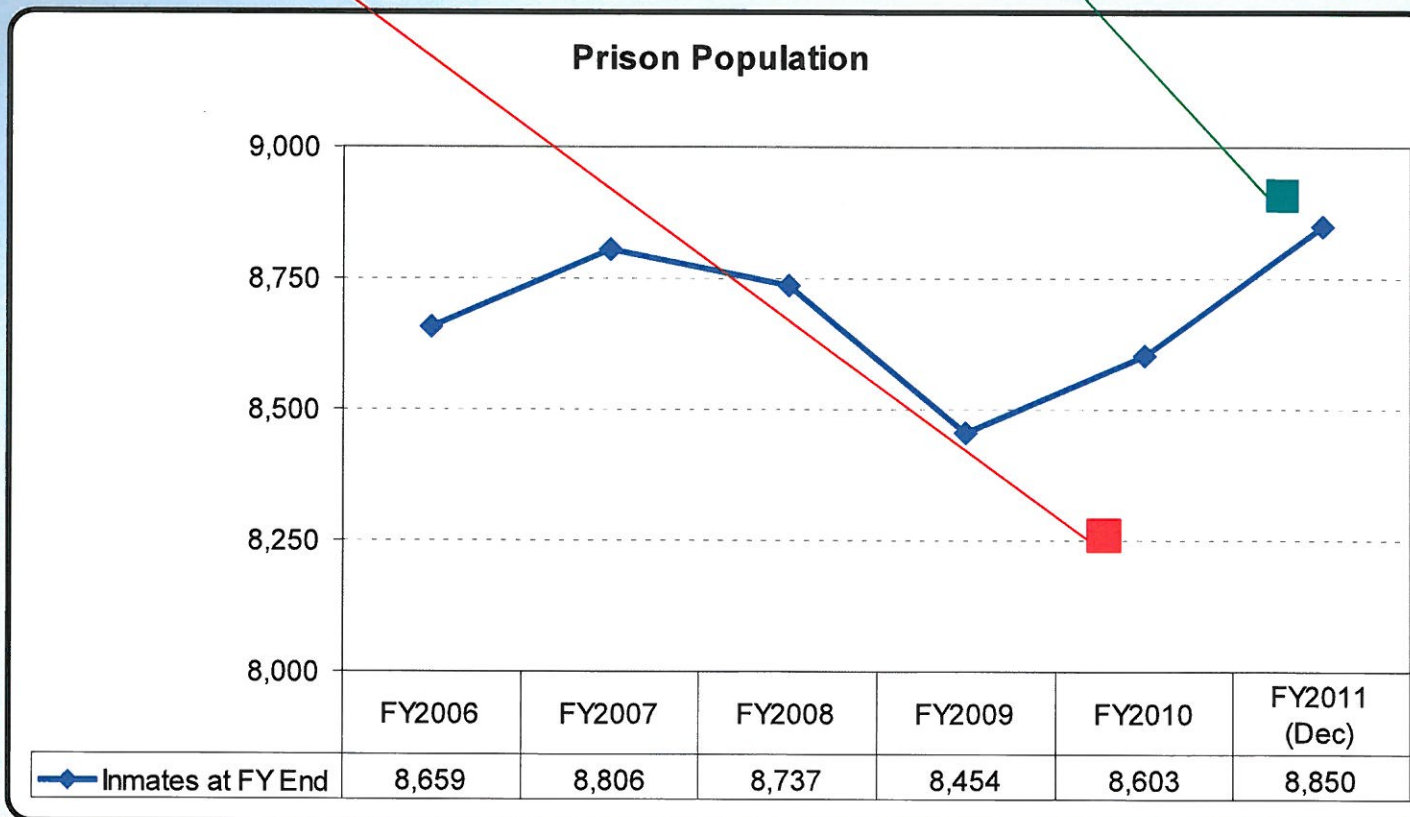
Source: Vera Institute of Justice, Center on Sentencing and Corrections, *Fiscal Year 2011 Corrections Appropriations Survey*.



Rapid Prison Growth

The lowest prison population during this period was 8,265 offenders on February 10, 2010

Offender population hit an all-time high on November 20, 2010 with 8,942 offenders

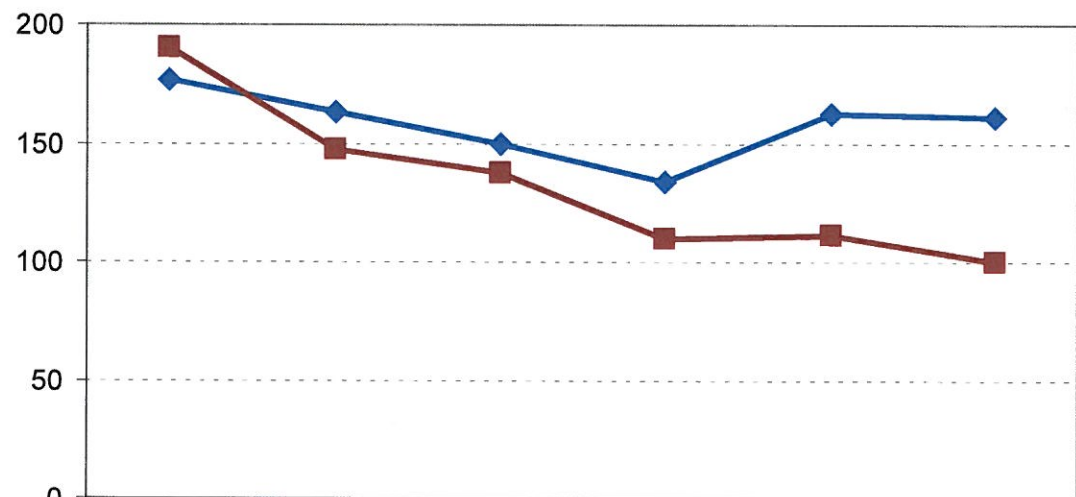




Rapid Prison Growth

Prison admissions have recently increased while parole releases have steadily declined

Key Admissions/Releases: Monthly Averages



	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011 thru Dec
◆ Avg New Commitments	177	164	150	134	163	161
■ Avg Parole Releases	190	147	138	110	111	100



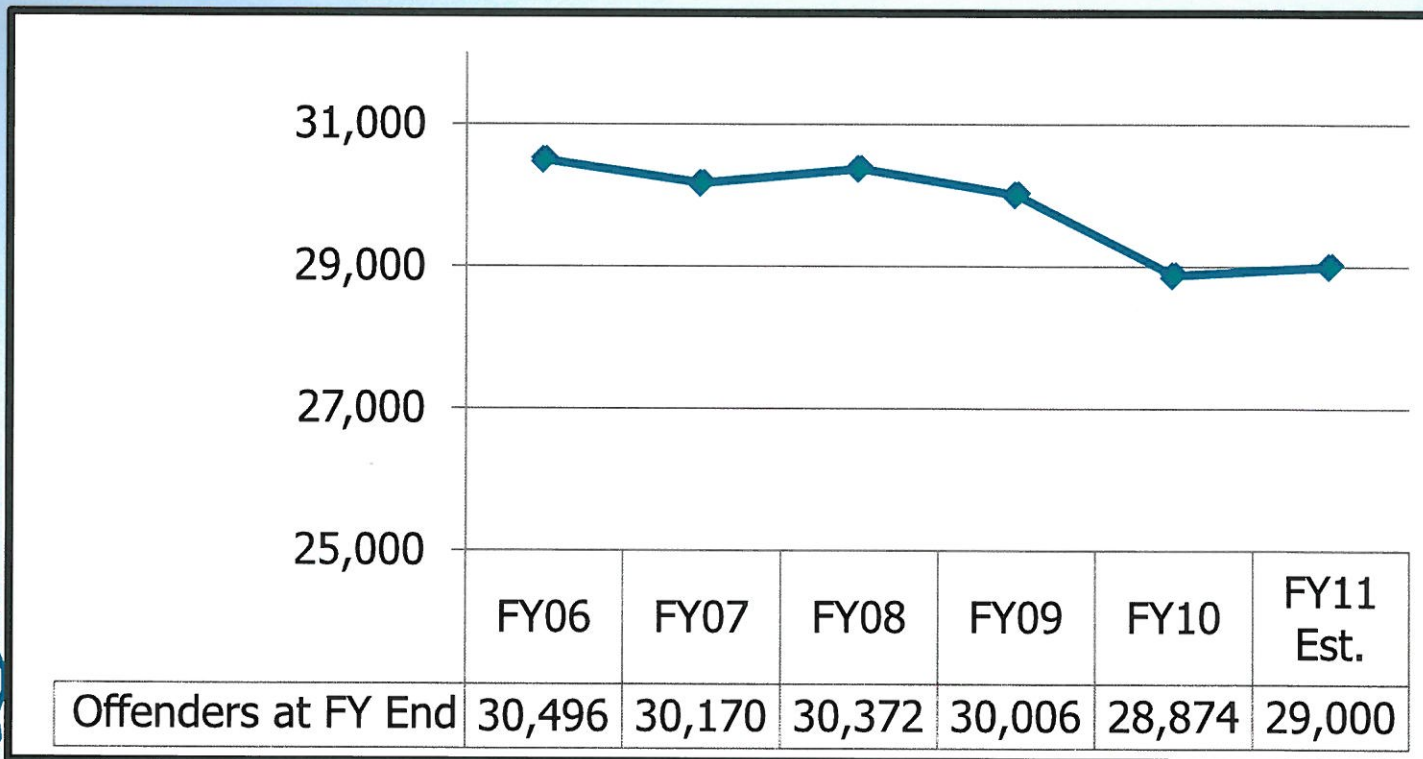
Rapid Prison Growth

The CJJPD forecasts “if policies and practices remain the same, the prison population is projected to reach approximately 10,409 (offenders) by June 30, 2020, an increase of 21.0% over the next ten years.”

- CJJPD *“Iowa Prison Population Forecast FY2010 – 2020”*

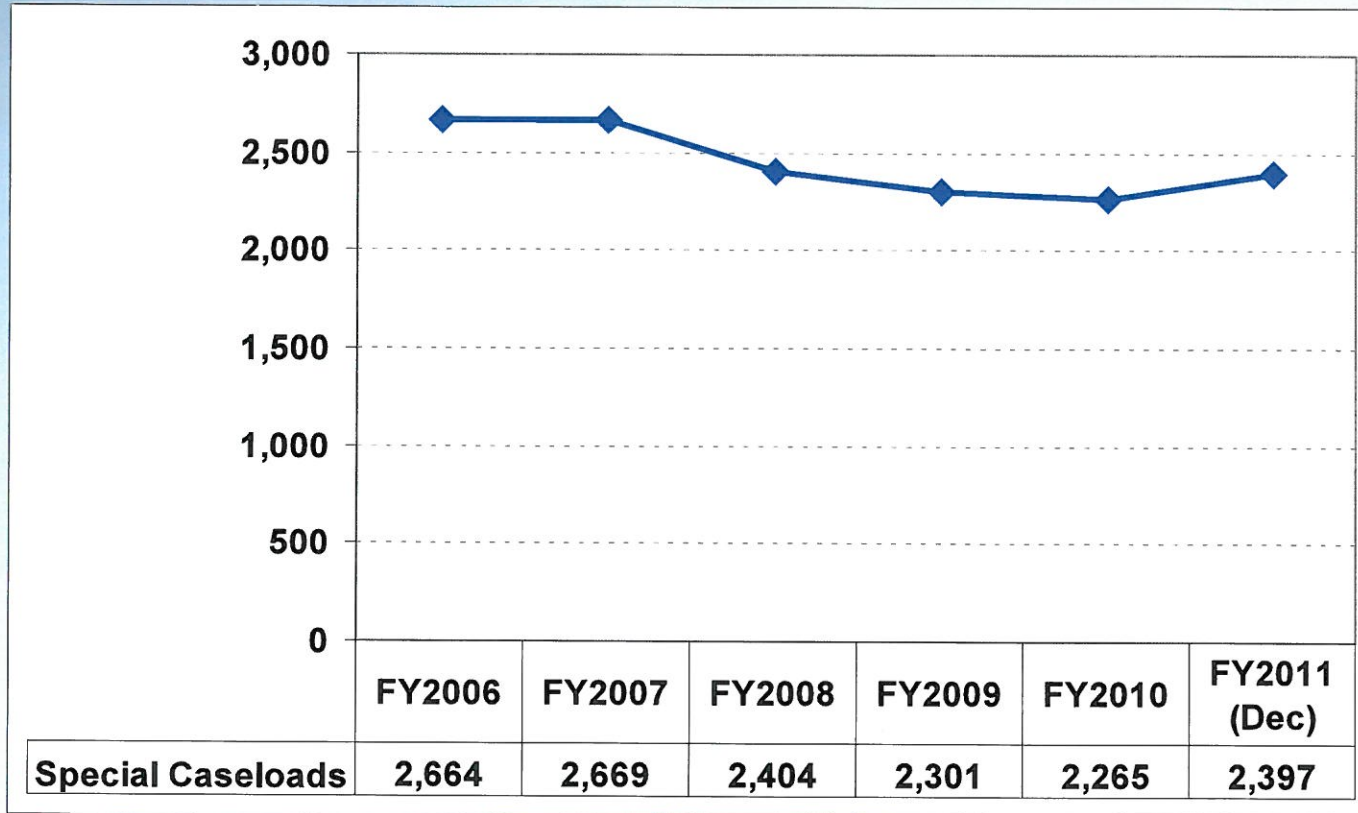


CBC Caseloads





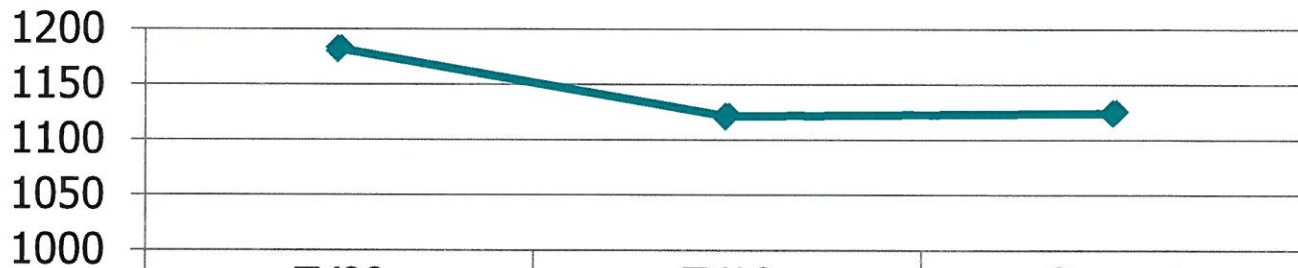
CBC Caseloads Higher Risk Offenders





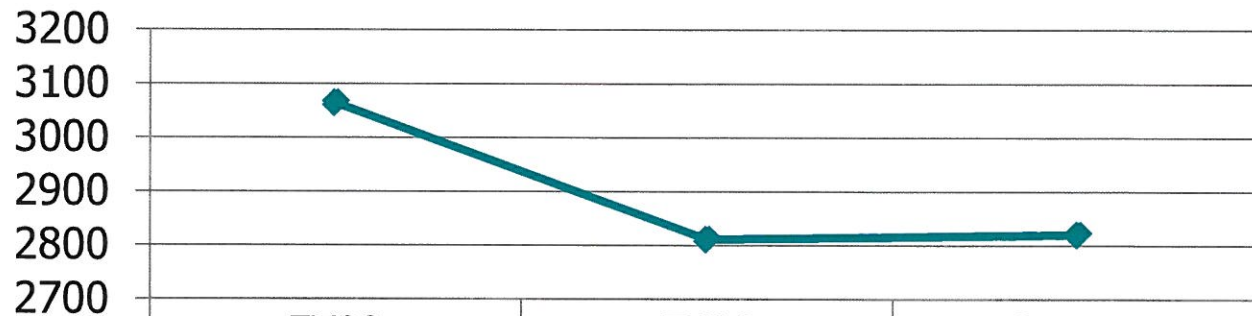
DOC Paid Staff and Offender Population

CBC Staff



	FY09	FY10	Current
CBC Staff	1182	1121	1124

Prison Staff



	FY09	FY10	Current
Prison Staff	3064	2811	2820



DOC Paid Staff and Offender Population

- ➔ Between FY1998 and FY2010, prison expansions added 2,065 beds and funded 954 staff
- ➔ During this same period the prisons had a net increase of 232 paid staff

Reflects a net decrease of 722
previously funded staff
positions



Staffing Change Impacts

**In FY2011
the CBCs and prisons have
deleted an additional 430
previously funded staff
positions**

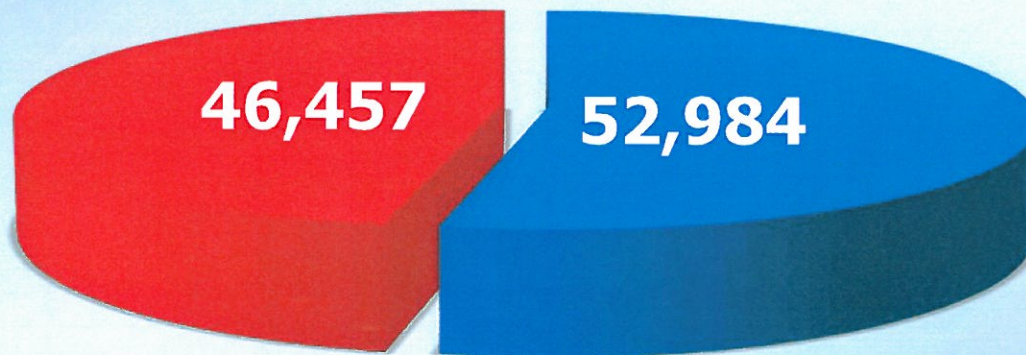


Continuing Operational Efficiencies

- ➔ ICON
- ➔ eLearning
- ➔ Central Pharmacy
- ➔ Offender O-Mail
- ➔ 5th Judicial District Honor Unit



eLearning and Staff Training Hours



- Classroom
- eLearning



America's New Mental Hospitals

“Quietly but steadily, jails and prisons are replacing public mental hospitals as the primary purveyors of public psychiatric services for individuals with serious mental illnesses in the United States.”

- *E. Fuller Torrey (Am J Public Health, 1995)*



Deinstitutionalization

Table 1 Changes in State Mental Hospital Beds Based on the Years 1955 and 2000

Year	1955	2000 (December)
Number of beds	559,000	59,403
U.S. population	165,000,000	273,600,000
Beds/100,000 population	339	22

- Lamb 2005



Pharmacy Costs

FY2005 to FY2010

- ➔ Approximately 54.5% of pharmacy costs were for mental health medications
- ➔ DOC costs for prescriptions and over the counter medications increased 67.1%



Unexpected Medical Costs

High Cost Offenders

- Offender CY receives tube feedings at \$300,000 this year
- Offender DF receives IV antibiotics at \$144,000 per year
- Offender NC's 630 pound weight requires a special bed, wheelchair and other amenities
- Dementia offenders have medical and behavioral problems that must be addressed at all times
- High risk pregnancies, offenders on dialysis and SSIP/MHO offenders create additional impact on medical costs



Offender Education

“Today, corrections systems are under extraordinary stress. Capacity limitations and budget constraints have put prisoner education and employment training programs at risk.”

- *Attorney General Eric Holder, October 8, 2010*

- ➡ 522 offenders received their GEDs in 2010
- ➡ Offenders released from prison with GEDs have higher employment rates

- *Iowa Workforce Development Study, April 2010*



Commitment to EBP & Reentry

- ➡ Iowa has proven we can decrease prison population utilizing evidence based practices and reentry initiatives



Commitment to EBP & Reentry

- ➔ Currently the prison system operates at 23% over capacity

- ➔ In FY2010 –
 - ✓ The parole revocation rate decreased from 12.0% in FY2009 to 10.8%.
 - ✓ The felony probation revocation rate stayed at about the same low of 5%.



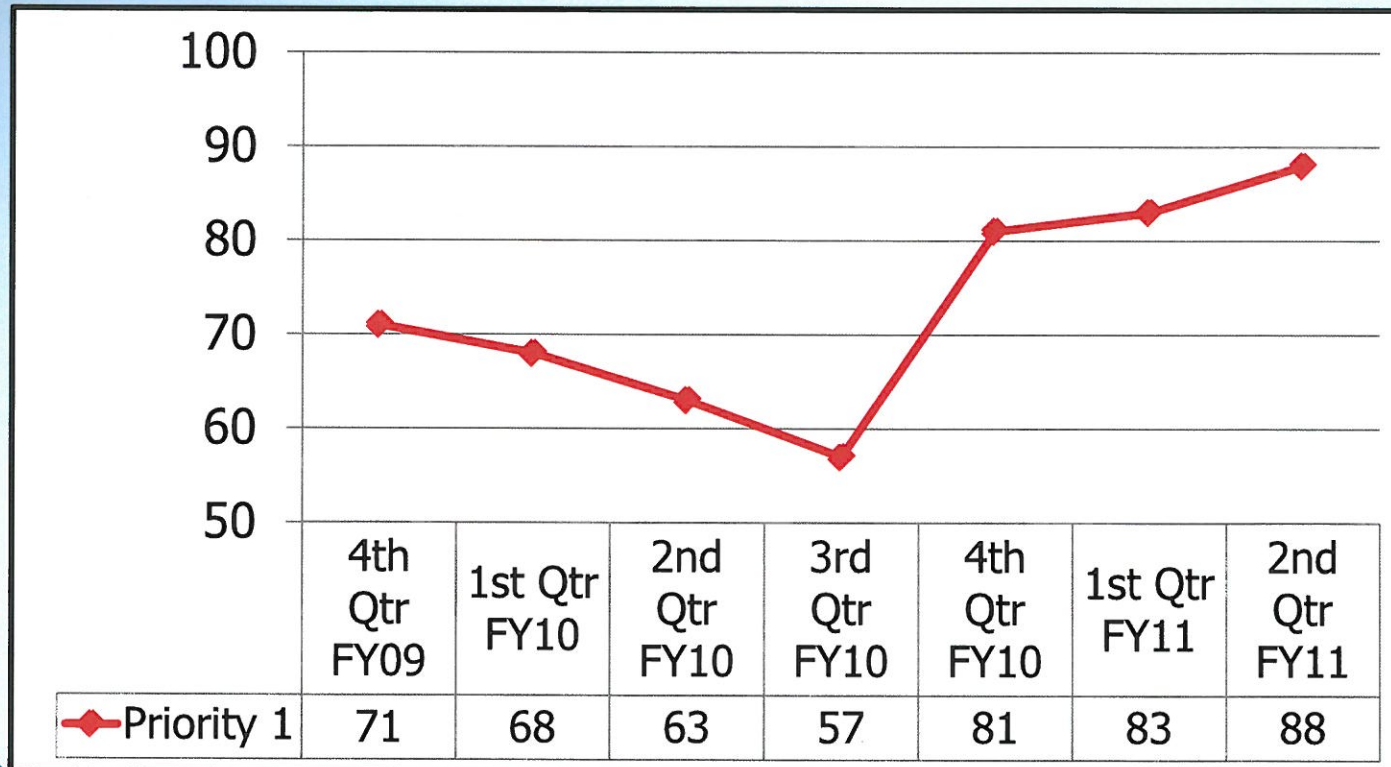
CBC and Prison Staffing

- ➔ Staffing decisions directly impact operations. These must strike a delicate balance between:
 - ✓ Security (risk management)
 - ✓ Treatment & mental health (risk reduction)
 - ✓ Offender Reentry (risk reduction)
 - ✓ Administration



Critical Incidents – Priority 1

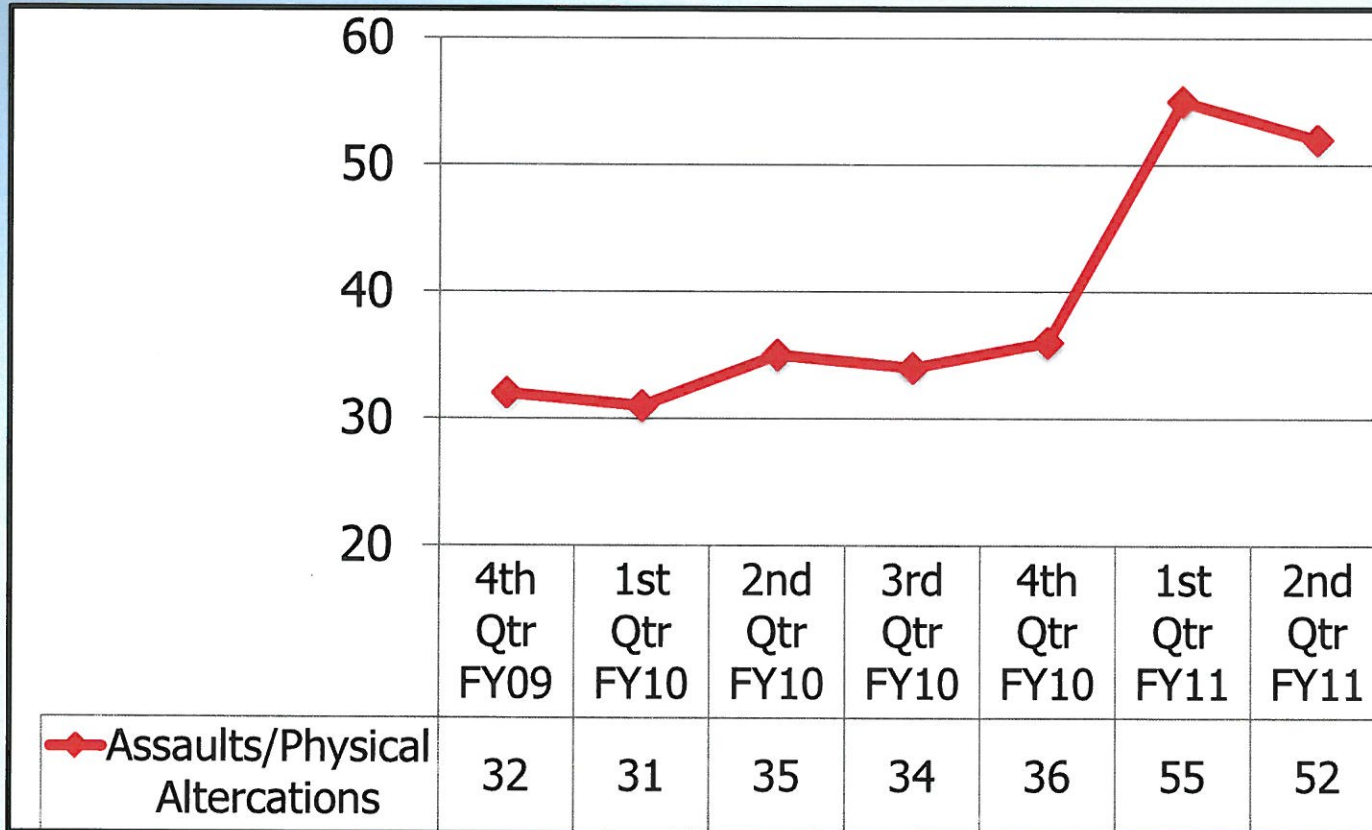
Since 4th Quarter FY09, Priority 1 Critical Incident Reports have increased 23.9%.





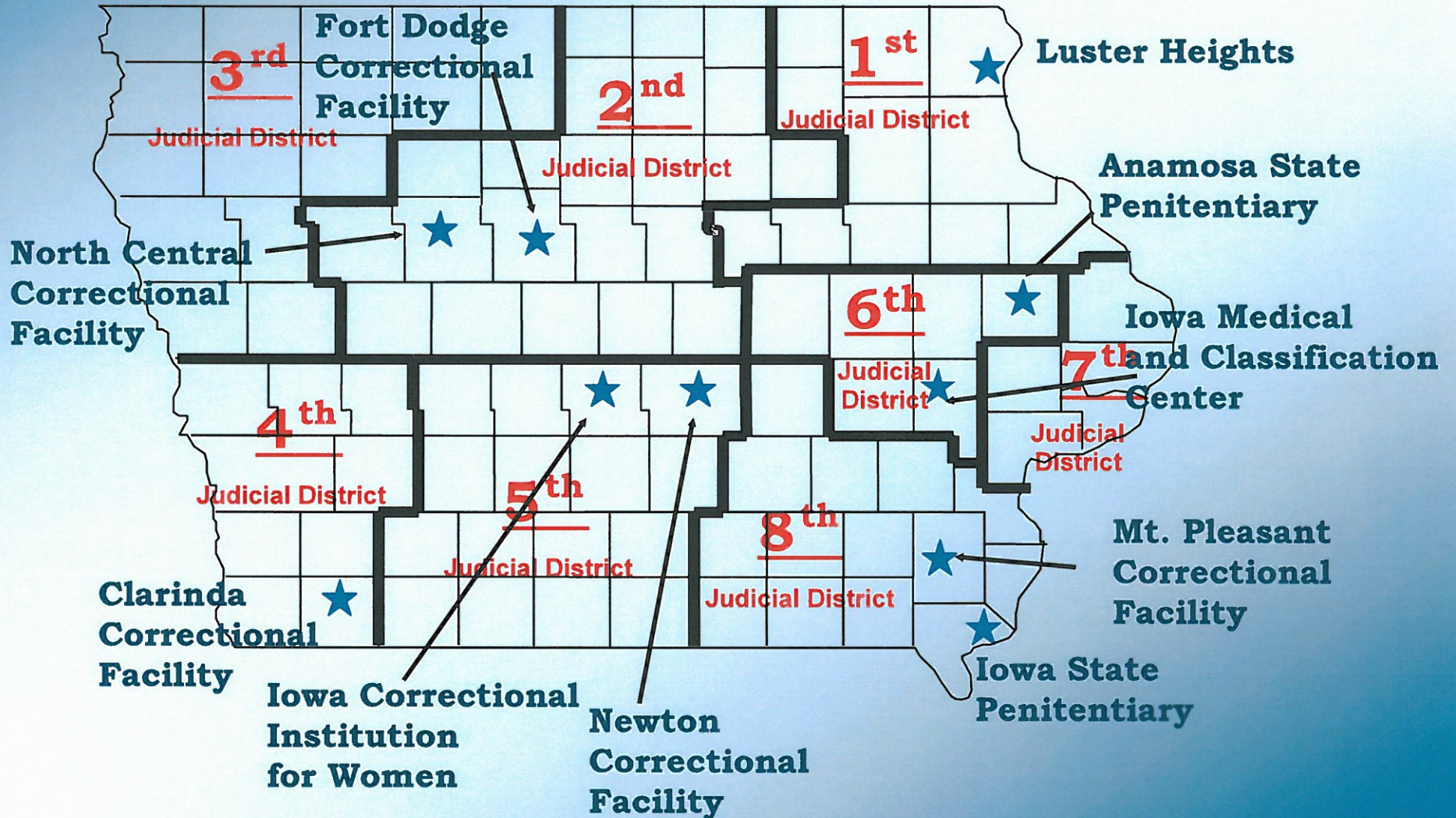
Critical Incidents – Assaults/Physical Altercations

Assaults and Physical Altercations during this period increased by 62.5%





Iowa Department of Corrections' Institutions and Community-Based Corrections Districts





CBC Bed Space Facts

- The 20 residential facilities are listed below with their respective bed capacity.

1st District

West Union Residential Facility - 48
Dubuque Residential Facility - 80
Waterloo Residential Corr. Facility – 150 (43 additional beds for 2012)

2nd Judicial District

Curt Forbes Residential Center, Ames - 45
Fort Dodge Residential Facility – 60
Marshalltown Residential Facility - 51
Beje Clark Residential Center, Mason City - 51

3rd Judicial District

Residential Treatment Facility, Sioux City – 57 (42 additional beds for 2012)
Residential Treatment Facility, Sheldon - 30

4th Judicial District

Council Bluffs Residential Facility - 71
Council Bluffs Women's Res. Facility - 26

5th District

Fort Des Moines Work Release, Residential OWI & Honors Correctional Center - 308
Des Moines Women's Residential Facility – 48

6th Judicial District

Hope House (John Stratton Center), Coralville - 55
Gerald R. Hinzman Center, Cedar Rapids - 83
Lary A Nelson Center, Cedar Rapids – 90
Anchor Center, Cedar Rapids – 26 (not yet opened)

7th Judicial District

Work Release Center, Davenport – 81 (39 additional beds for 2012)
Residential Corrections Facility, Davenport – 64

8th Judicial District

Ottumwa Residential Facility – 51 (25 additional beds for 2012)
Burlington Residential Facility - 60



Institution Offender Profile

Race/Ethnicity

White	5,579	64.97%
African American	2,194	25.55%
Native American	158	1.81%
Asian	77	0.91%
Hispanic	573	6.68%
Other	6	0.08%

Education Level –

Average Education is 11.7

Sentences (Years)

< 1 year	1
1 to < 3 yrs.	350
3 to < 5 years	116
5 to < 10 years	1,749
10 to < 20 years	2,875
20 to < 40 years	2,037
40+ years	717
Life	648
Other	95

Iowa Adult Commitments

1 –	5,711
2 –	1,628
3 –	662
4 –	306
5 –	109
6 –	37
7 –	12
8 –	12
9+ –	02

Average Age is 35

Offenders with...

Life Sentences	648
Mandatory Minimum	1,820

No. of Sentences Per Offender

1 –	3,073	6 –	227
2 –	2,554	7 –	104
3 –	1,234	8 –	73
4 –	777	9+ –	147
5 –	364		

Dependents

Average Dependents per offender who have visited – 2.3

Average Reading Level – 9.5

Crime Types

Violent	3,868	45.0%
Drug	1,840	21.4%
Property	1,597	18.5%
Public Order	656	7.6%
Other	642	7.5%

Gender

Male	7,880	91.80%
Female	704	8.20%

Data as of end of FY2010



CBC Offender Profile

Race/Ethnicity

White	22,479	78.01%
African American	4,046	14.04%
Native American	336	1.17%
Asian	272	0.94%
Hispanic	1,404	4.87%
Other	280	0.97%

Age

Under 31	14,523
31-50	11,678
Over 50	2,614
Unknown	2

Gender

Male	21,366	74.14%
Female	7,319	25.40%

Crime Types

Public Order	9,021	31.30%
Drug	7,515	26.09%
Property	7,104	24.65%
Violent	4,612	16.00%
Other	565	1.96%

Data as of end of FY2010



Thank You