

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

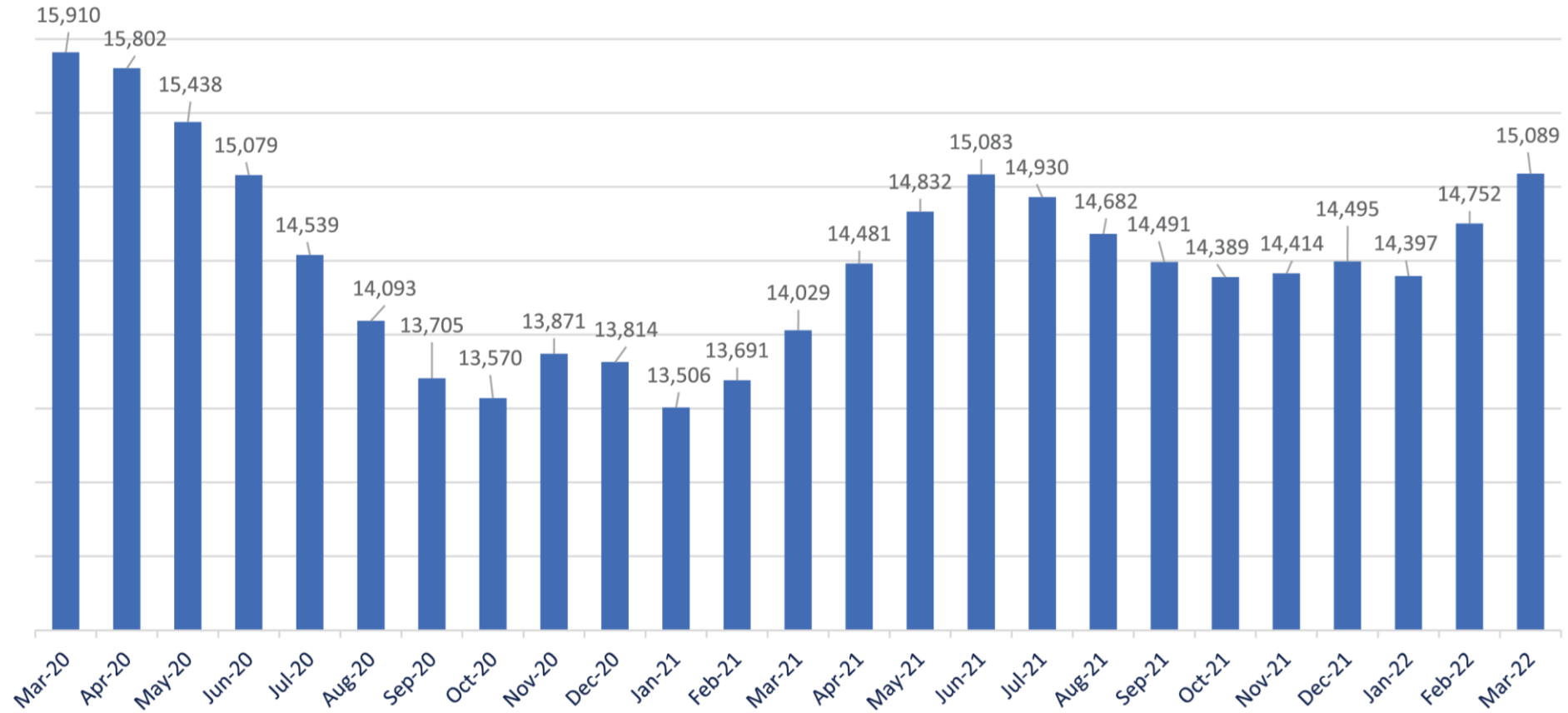
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Division of Correction In-House Population* by Month

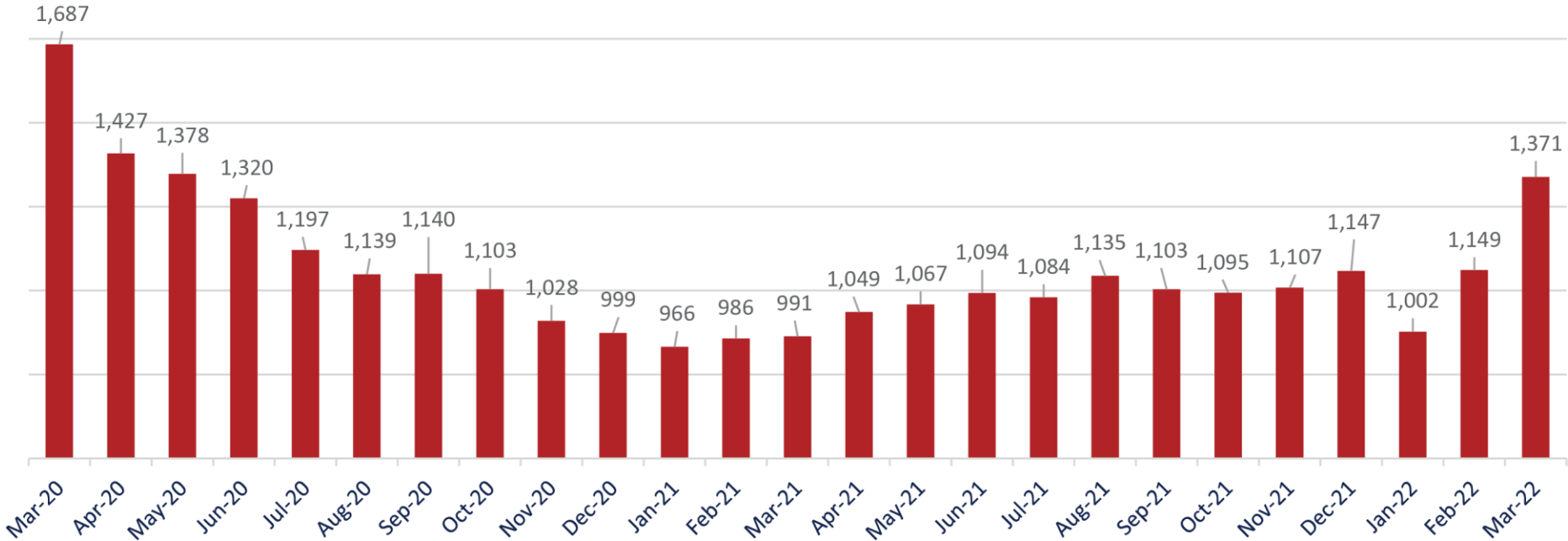
March 2020 – March 18, 2022



*Excludes Aleta, AR State Police, Act 309, Interstate Compact, Bowie County (closed Nov. 1, 2020) and County Jail Backup

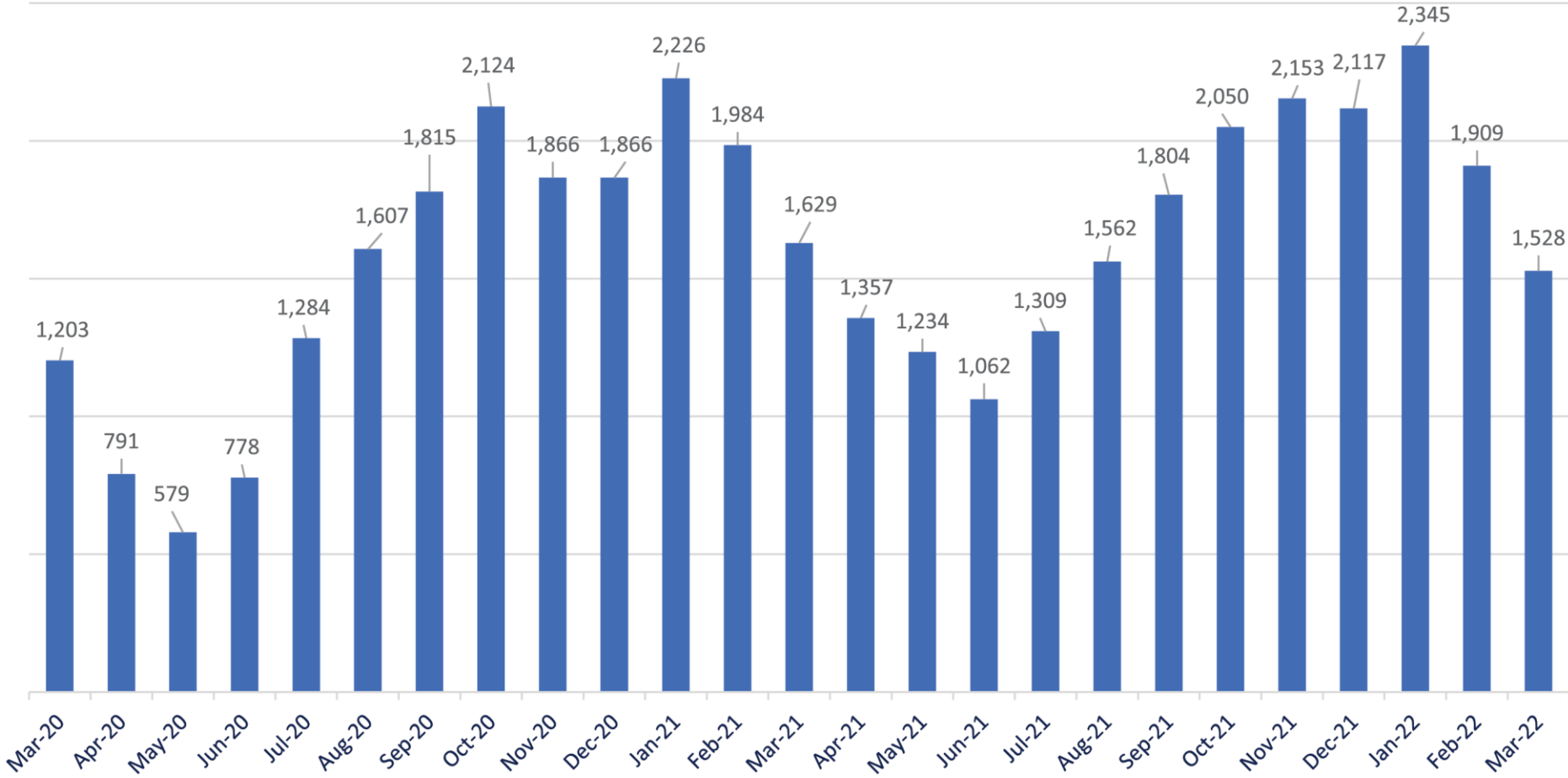


Division of Community Correction Residential Centers Population by Month March 2020 – March 18, 2022

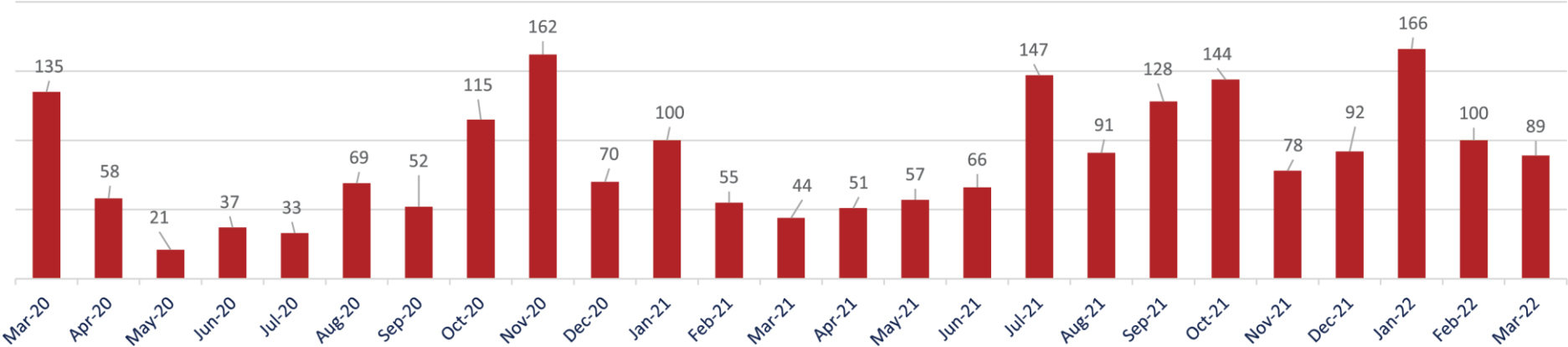


Division of Correction County Jail Backup Totals by Month

March 2020 – March 18, 2022



Division of Community Correction Residential Centers County Jail Backup Totals by Month March 2020 – March 18, 2022



Efforts to Reduce County Jail Backup

- Implemented provisions Act 55 of 2021 (Regular Session)
- Repurposed available beds in Community Correction Centers for offenders in both the Supervision Sanction Program and the Parole Board Short-term Revocation Program
- Applied new CDC Guidance, which allows for quicker completions of quarantines
- Temporarily using additional housing areas at Ouachita River and McPherson for intake overflow



Emergency Powers Act (EPA) Eligibility

- **90-day EPA**
 - 1) Moves up release date, by up to 90 days, of offenders already approved for parole
 - 2) Male, female, or both populations must exceed 98% of rated capacity
 - 3) Division of Correction Director certifies a list of eligible offenders
- **1-year EPA**
 - 1) Initiated by the county jail backup exceeding 500 offenders
 - 2) Moves up parole, transfer, or discharge dates for eligible offenders by up to one year. Offenders must be subsequently approved by the Parole Board.
 - 3) Offenders must be:
 - a) Class I or II
 - b) Incarcerated for a minimum of 6 months
 - c) Non-violent, as determined by the Board of Corrections, and no sex offenders
 - d) Recommended by the Division Director



Recidivism Rates*

DOC-wide	46.1%
ADC	47.8%
ACC	37.5%



*36-month return rates for 2017 release cohort

2022 Reentry Awareness Week

April 26-30



STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: With more than 82,000 adult offenders currently incarcerated in state facilities or on parole or probation, Arkansas is committed to lowering recidivism through an effective reentry process that provides offenders with opportunities for success in the community; and

WHEREAS: At least ninety percent of state prison inmates will be released from prison at some point in their sentence, but they can face obstacles long after their incarceration ends. A criminal record can create barriers to rejoining the workforce; finding adequate housing; securing transportation; and meeting financial obligations. These barriers contribute to more than fifty percent of offenders returning to prison within three years of release; and

WHEREAS: Because high recidivism increases the cost of corrections and puts Arkansas citizens at a greater risk of becoming victims of crime, it is imperative that offenders returning to the community have the programs, services, and support they need to become productive, crime-free citizens of the state; and

WHEREAS: Reentry provides offenders with the tools necessary to turn away from criminal behavior and embrace a better future where they are contributing to society and taking care of their families; and

WHEREAS: State agencies across Arkansas are focused on reentry, but Arkansas reentry efforts extend well beyond correctional agencies through partnerships with community-based groups, faith-based organizations, and volunteers across the state that can assist offenders returning to their communities; and

WHEREAS: Arkansans can enhance public safety by supporting and joining reentry efforts that decrease the number of new crimes and offer hope for offenders returning home from incarceration;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim April 26th through April 30th, 2022, as

REENTRY AWARENESS WEEK

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 14th day of March, in the year of our Lord 2022.



Asa Hutchinson
Asa Hutchinson, Governor

John Thurston
John Thurston, Secretary of State



**DIVISION OF
COMMUNITY
CORRECTION**

**OVERVIEW
AND
REENTRY SERVICES**

Community Correction Centers

- 5 Community Correction Centers and 1 Supervision Sanction Center
- Total capacity: 1,629
- All are licensed drug and alcohol treatment centers
- Treatment and non-treatment options



ACC Reentry Program

- 6 Reentry facilities (contracted)
- Total capacity: 219
- 6-month program with 150 days residential and 30 days in the community
- New living skills curriculum started Jan. 1
- Screening/Selection process updated, improving transfer opportunities
- Maintaining and improving tools
- Assessment process fine tuning to improve program placement/effectiveness



Purchase of White River Juvenile Detention Center, Batesville

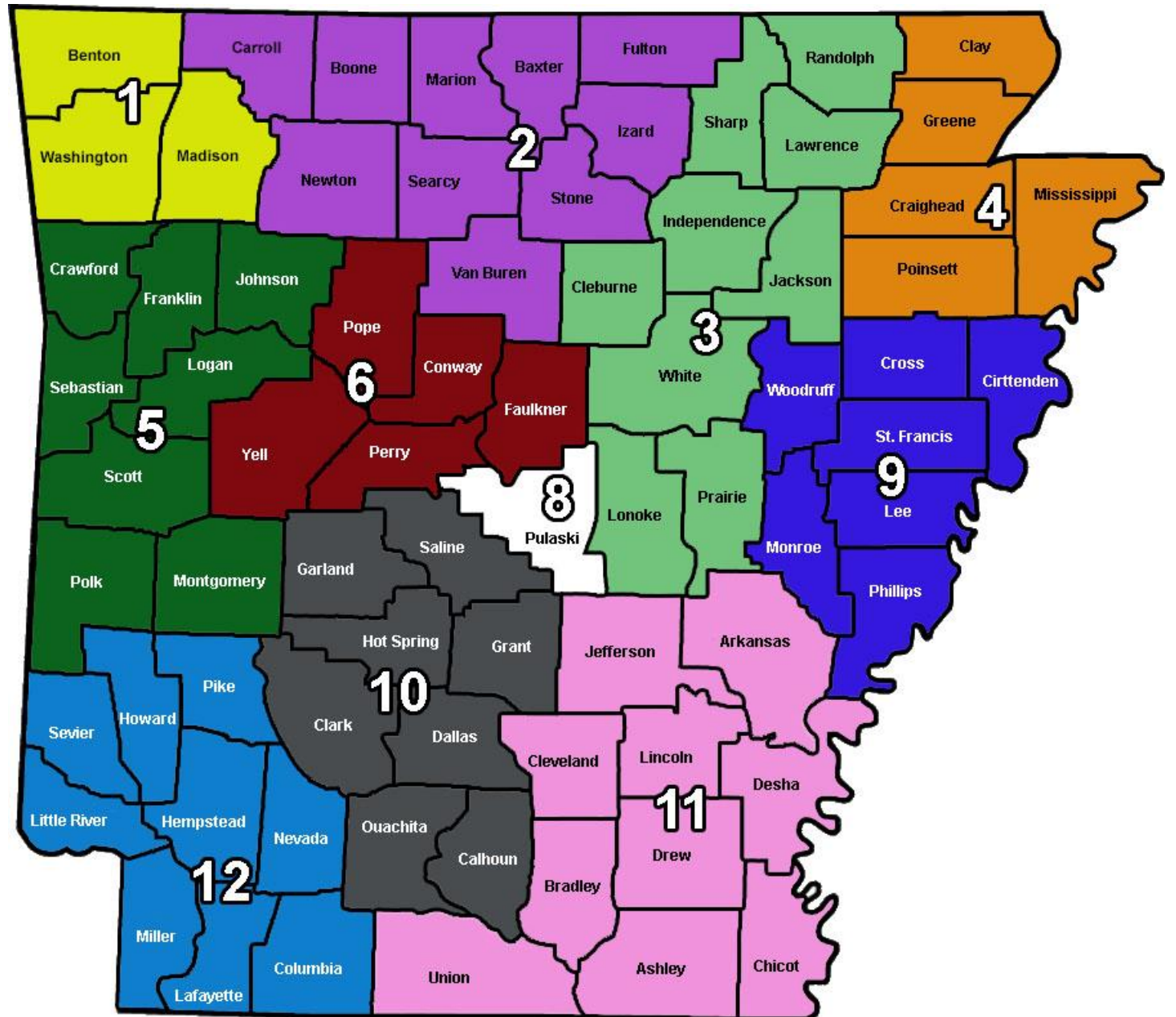
- Expand Parole Board Short-Term Revocation Program
- Capacity after renovations: 150
- Provide interventions and services to interrupt behaviors that lead to supervision terms
- Offenders will stay for up to 90 days
- Will serve a minimum of 600 offenders per year



Parole and Probation

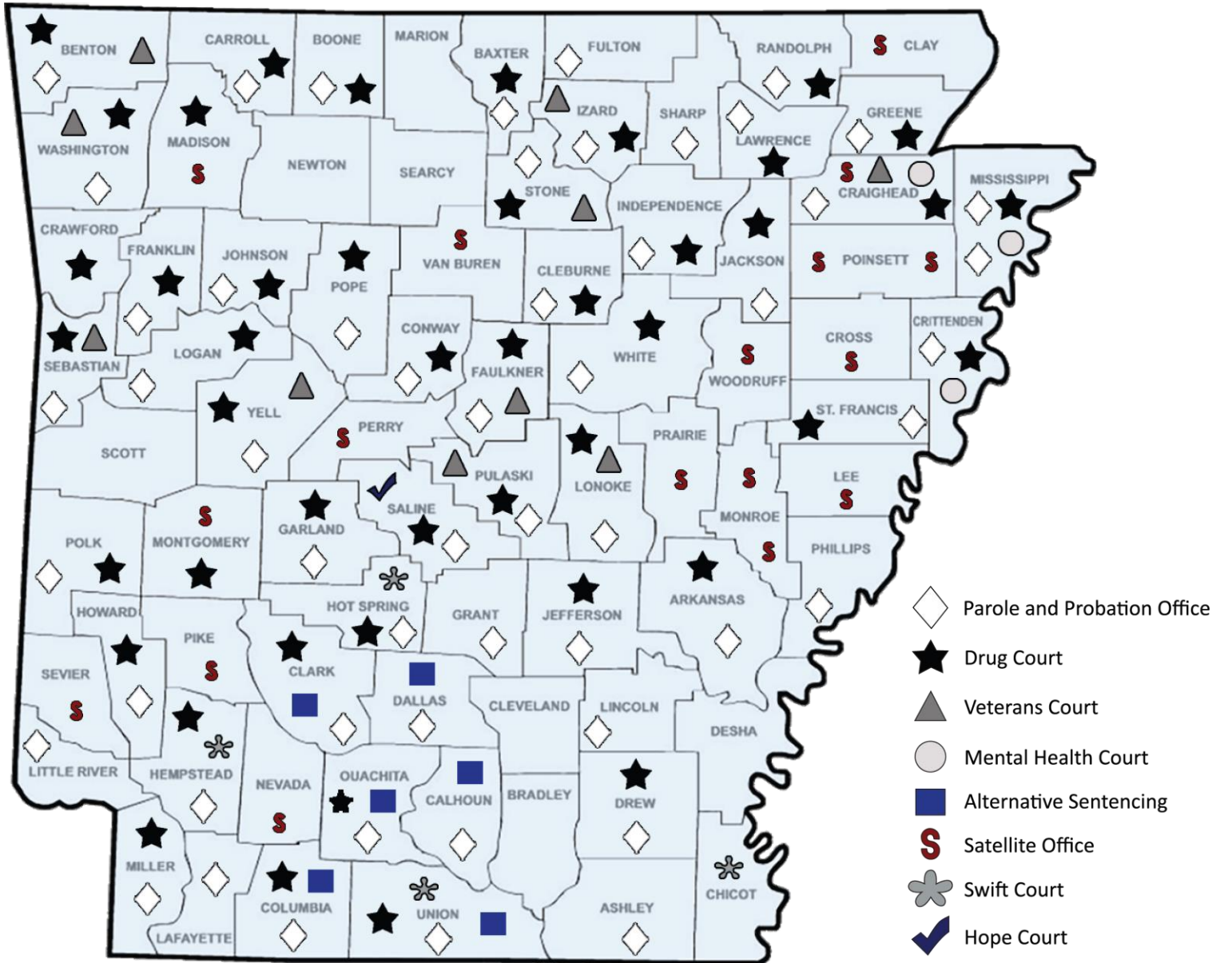
Areas

- 1 - Fayetteville
- 2 - Mountain Home
- 3 - Searcy
- 4 - Jonesboro
- 5 - Fort Smith
- 6 - Conway
- 8 - North Little Rock
- 9 - West Memphis
- 10 - Hot Springs
- 11 - Pine Bluff
- 12 - Texarkana



Parole and Probation

- 55 Parole and Probation offices
- Total under supervision: 67,044



Parole and Probation Services

- Community supervision
- Caseload management
- Enforcement of supervision conditions
- Local resource development
- Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)
- Substance Use Disorder (SUD) treatment
- Community Service

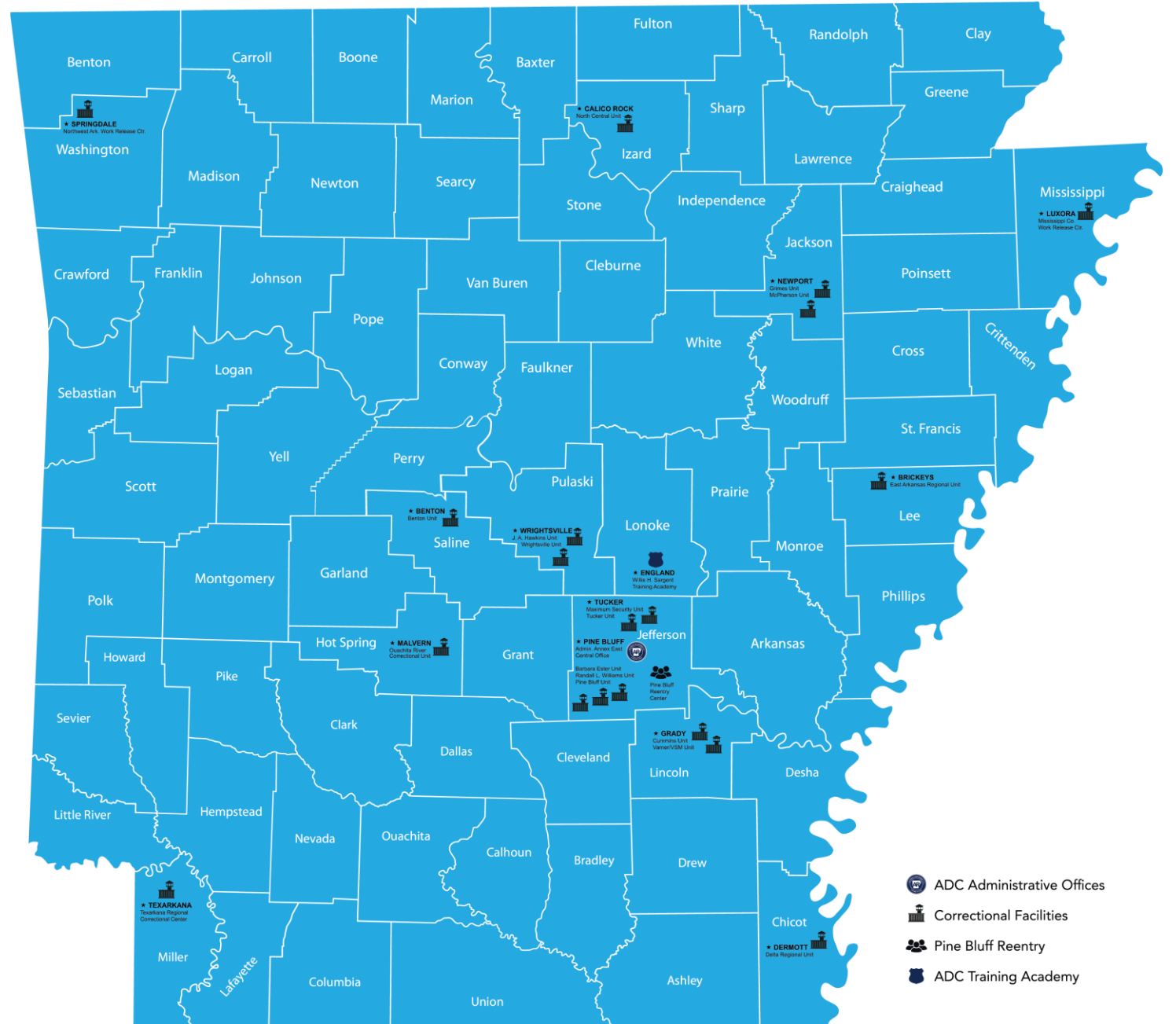








**DIVISION OF
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**OVERVIEW
AND
REENTRY SERVICES**

Division of Correction Facilities



-  ADC Administrative Offices
-  Correctional Facilities
-  Pine Bluff Reentry
-  ADC Training Academy

Division of Correction Reentry Work Release

- Gives inmates skills and work ethic needed to succeed once they are released
- 6 facilities
- 726 inmates participating
- Participants must be at least 42 months from transfer eligibility date



Division of Correction Reentry Think Legacy

- Thinking for a Change 4.0 curriculum
- Integrated cognitive behavioral change program, with an emphasis on social/life skills
- Voluntary 6-month program
- 7 facilities
- 267 inmates participating



Division of Correction Reentry Pilot Release Program

- Barbara Ester Unit
- 16 weeks
- 16 inmates enrolled
- For inmates who are a minimum of 14 weeks from their transfer eligibility date and with an approved parole plan
- Secures employment and mentors to assist inmates upon release



Division of Correction Reentry Veteran Program

- Barbara Ester Unit
- Addresses unique readjustment and reentry needs of veterans returning to society
- Provides resources, social/life skills, and military structure with focus on core military values
- 42 enrolled



Division of Correction Reentry WAGE* Program

- Wrightsville Unit
- Division of Workforce Services, Adult Education Section job readiness program
- Focuses on improving the academic basic skills of participants while providing workforce preparation and workforce training activities
- 28 enrolled



*Arkansas Workforce Alliance for Growth in the Economy

Division of Correction Reentry – *Future Programs*

Peer Recovery Program

- Barbara Ester Unit
- Will certify inmates as Peer Recovery Specialists while equipping them with employable skills
- Participants must be at least 2 years free of any substance use and have at least 6 months left before release
- DHS to train participants
- 25 participants to start May 2022



Division of Correction Reentry – *Future Programs*

USDA/UAMS Televideo Grant

- Varner, North Central, Tucker, Mississippi County, Delta Regional, and McPherson units
 - Chosen because of their “exceptionally rural” locations
- 3 years/\$79,000
- Pays for six televideo carts/units and 24/7 tech support
- Will allow inmates to attend programs held in other facilities and staff to attend off-site training

