

Report from the Criminal Justice Planner

Presented to the City of Harrisonburg

City Council

Tuesday, February 9th 2021

Data Gathering and Analysis

- Began Gathering and Analyzing Data in April 2020
 - Middle River Regional Jail Average Daily Population (ADP)
 - Rockingham Harrisonburg Regional Jail ADP
 - Middle River Regional Jail Partners Data
 - Staunton City
 - Waynesboro City
 - Augusta County
 - Rockingham County
 - Harrisonburg City
 - Highland County

Data Gathering and Analysis

- Commonwealth Attorney Began Using KARPEL in December 2020
- Approved access for the Criminal Justice Planner
 - Allows access to data that is PRIOR to incarceration
 - Jails are recipients are those remanded and
 - sentenced to their custody

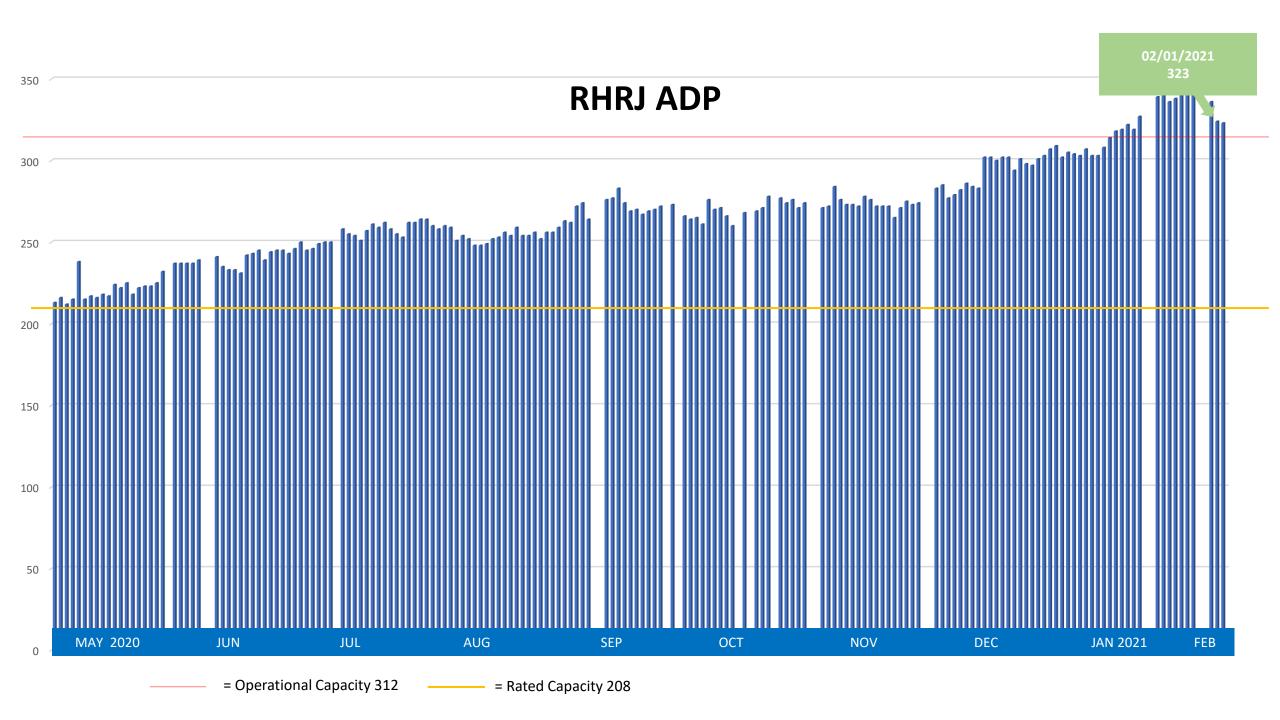
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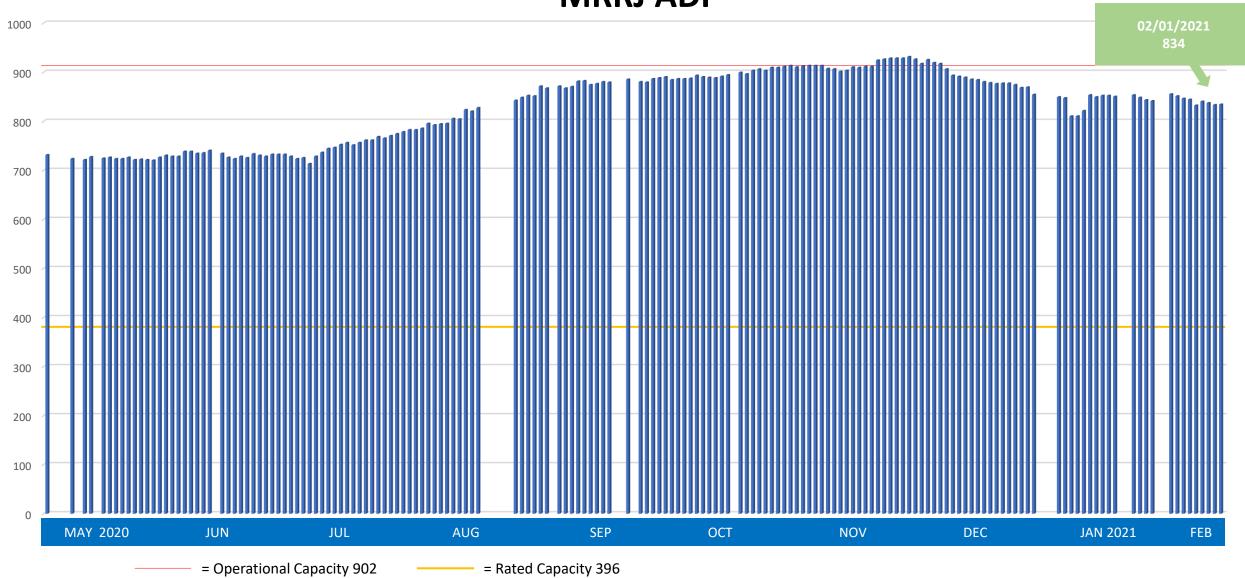
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Challenges:

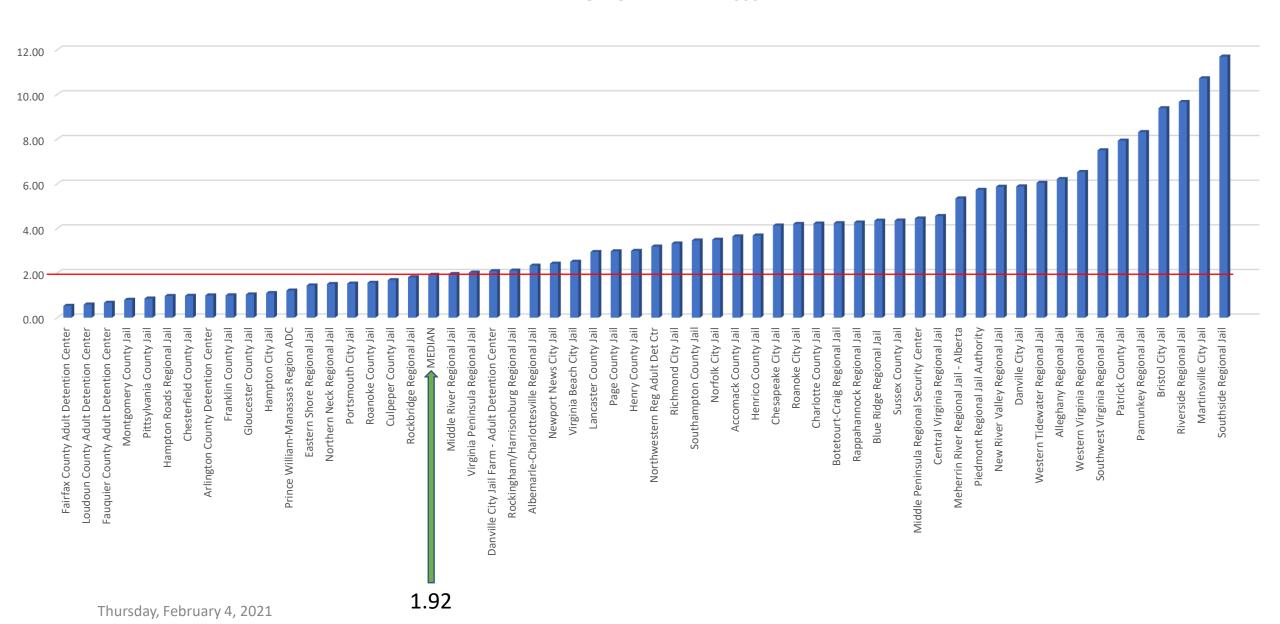
- Criminal Justice Data Lags
 - National, State and Local
- Data Collected
 - Datasets are not adapted to current events
- Definitions Vary by Locality/Jurisdiction



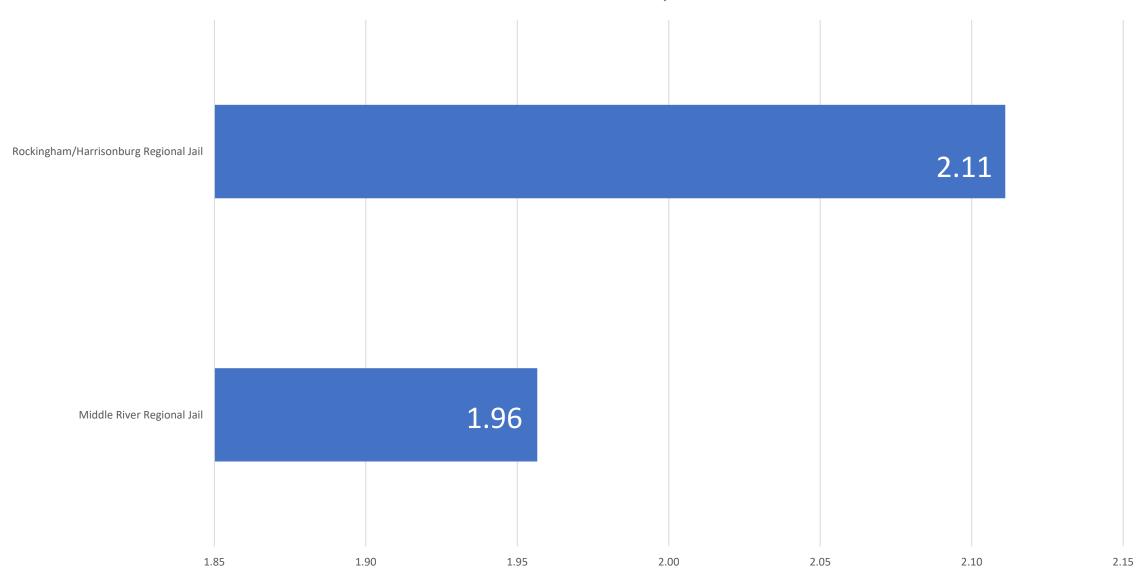
MRRJ ADP



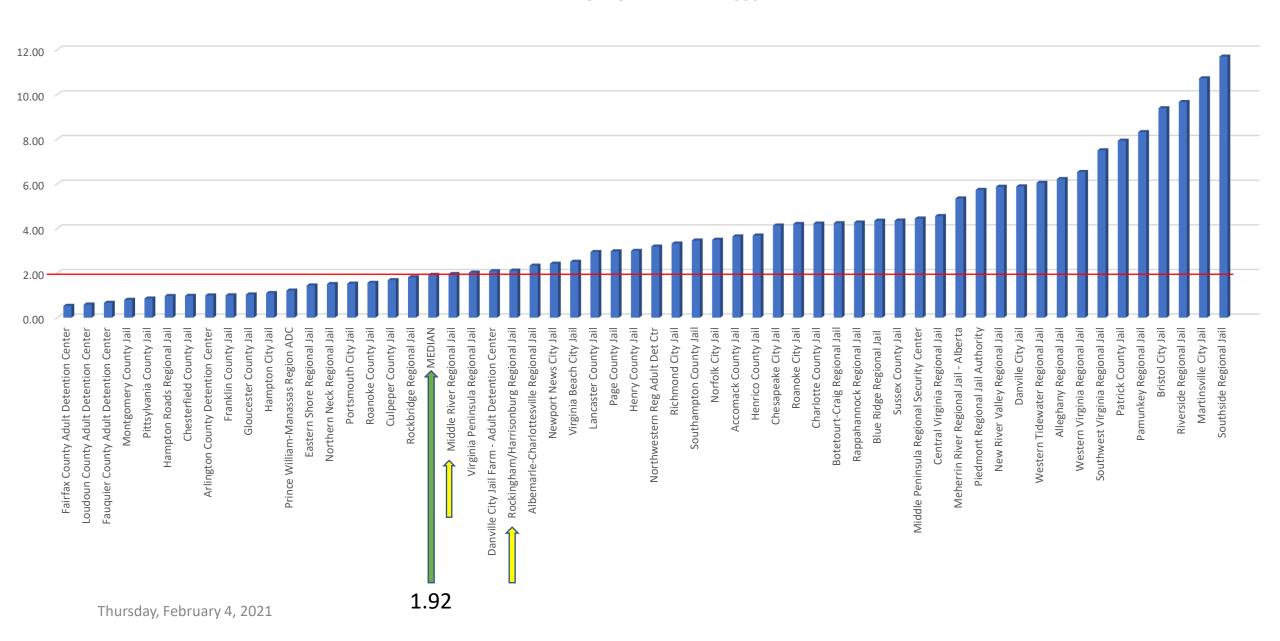
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Beyond "Bricks and Bars"

We are obligated to properly care for those individuals who are placed in custody.

- Safe Environment
- Programs/Activities
- Education
- Treatment
- Training

Investment in MRRJ is not a simple matter of increasing capacity "Warehousing"

Existing Programs and Services

Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Coordinator & training program

Mental Health pod at RHRJ

Special Needs pod (alternative to Segregation) at RHRJ

CITAC (Crisis Intervention Team Assessment Center) Coordinator & program at Sentara RMH

Mobile Crisis Action & Response Team – RCSO & CSB

CSB full time position at RHRJ and 24/7 on-call availability

CSB peer recovery specialist for coordination and inmate referral

Future Generations / Strength in Peers reentry program

Day reporting at The Gemeinschaft Center

Work Release program at MRRJ

Drug Court / diversion program

Re-entry workshops held weekly at RHRJ

Addiction (drug/alcohol) classes held weekly at RHRJ

Pre-Trial Services / expanded GPS monitoring program

Chaplain support / re-entry program expanded at RHRJ (3x per week)

Criminal Justice Planner position added to City/County

Reentry Coordinator position added in Social Services Department

Educational tablets (Ipad style) throughout the RHRJ with hundreds of classes offered at no cost

Existing Programs and Services

Over 200 Individuals are in Alternative Programs Day reportine at Electronic Home Monitoring • Probation Pre-Trial Ser ces Drug Court nonitoring program Criminal Justice Work Release to City/County

CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISION

I agree to abide by the following conditions as required by the Rockingham County General District Court and the Rockingham-Harrisonburg Court Services Unit. To report by phone and/or in person to a case manager as scheduled. 2. To reside at and to notify my case manager prior to any change of residence or telephone number. Residence verification may be required. 3. To follow my case manager's instructions and be truthful and cooperative. 4. To notify my case manager of any change in employment or educational status within one week. Verification of employment may be required. To appear in court for any proceeding as ordered by the Court. 6. To not use, own, possess, transport, or carry a firearm if I have been convicted of a felony or have ever been convicted of a domestic assault (misdemeanor or felony). 7. To keep the peace, be of good behavior, and obey all Municipal, County, State, and Federal laws and ordinances, and to report to my case manager any arrests or citations, including traffic tickets, within three days. 8. To refrain from the use of illegal drugs and the abuse of alcohol; to undergo random drug/alcohol testing upon request. To not travel outside the State of Virginia without first notifying my case manager. 10. To fulfill the following additional conditions ordered by the Court: Complete Substance Abuse I Education Group Abstain from Alcohol Complete Substance Abuse II Treatment Group Complete months of Supervision Complete Shoplifters Counseling Preventive Group hours of Community Service Perform Complete Anger Management Group or Domestic Violence under conditions/schedule required by my Case Complete Batterer's Group Manager. CS to be completed by Complete Mental Health Evaluation and Counseling as ordered by Pay Restitution of \$ Complete Sex Offender Treatment the Court and pay Court Costs of \$ Complete Intervention Group Other: Complete Monitoring Financial Responsibility Class

Paradigm Shift

Prevention versus Reaction

- Increasing the Investment in the Community and its Citizens decreases the numbers of individuals in the criminal justice system
 - Employment and Job/Skills Training
 - Medical and Mental Health Support
 - Education
 - Human Services and Programs

Future Jail Diversion Opportunities

Mental Health Docket/Court: Evaluate establishing a General District Court Docket to review and hear cases for only those persons predetermined to qualify for this specialized process.

In lieu of jail time, mental health treatment, substance abuse treatment, and/or other court requirements could be ordered. A mental health team consisting of the Judge, Commonwealth's Attorney, defense attorney, probation or pre-trial services, and CSB staff person review and establish individualized treatment recommendations in concert with legal restrictions outside of the jail walls. This evidence-based model has been implemented in several Virginia localities.

Action – establish work group to evaluate and make recommendation to CCJB.