



# STATE BUDGET COMMITTEE HEARING

## December 16, 2024

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# Indiana Constitution, Article I, Section 18

"The penal code shall be founded on the principles of reformation, and not vindictive justice."

## MISSION

We promote public safety by providing meaningful, effective opportunities for successful re-entry to the incarcerated individuals in our care.

## VISION

As the model of best correctional practices, we strive to return productive citizens to our communities and inspire a culture of accountability, integrity and professionalism.



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## Agency Leadership



**James Basinger**  
Deputy Commissioner, Operations



**Christina Reagle**  
Commissioner



**Christine Blessinger**  
Deputy Commissioner, Re-Entry and  
Youth Services



**Annie Goeller**  
Deputy Commissioner, Strategic  
Alignment



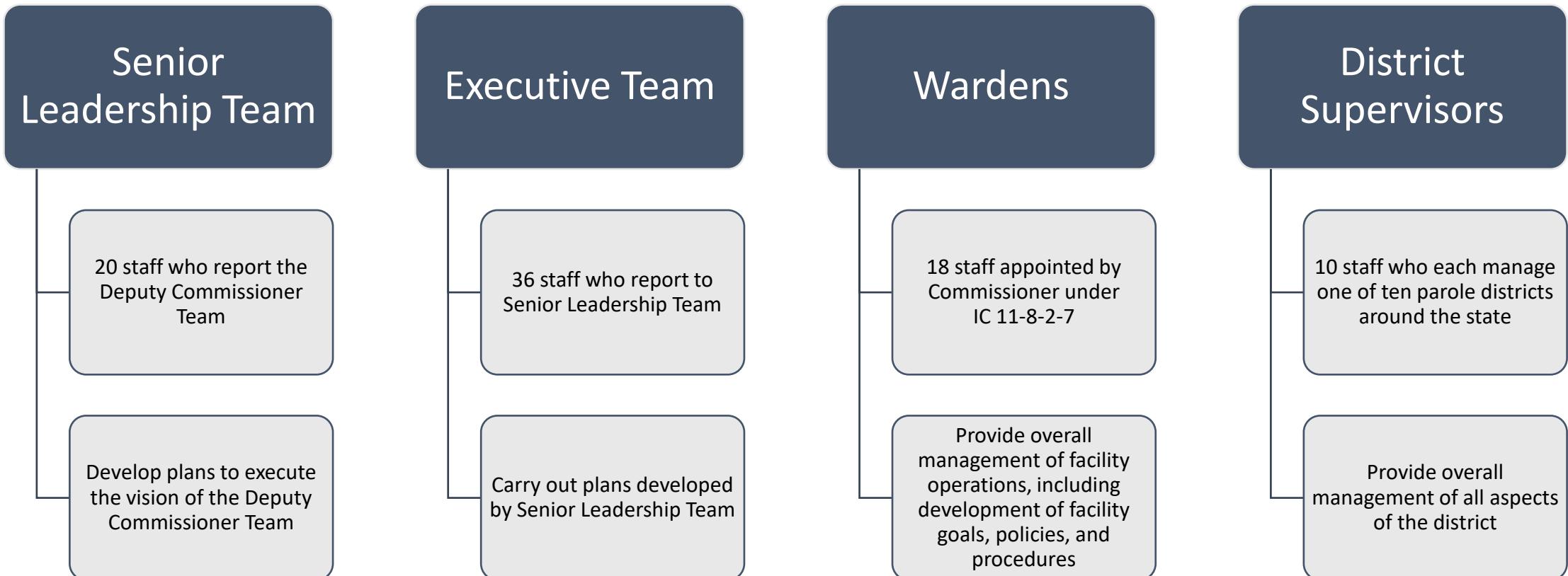
**Elliot Anderson**  
Chief of Staff



**Erica Parish**  
Deputy Commissioner, Diversity and  
Development

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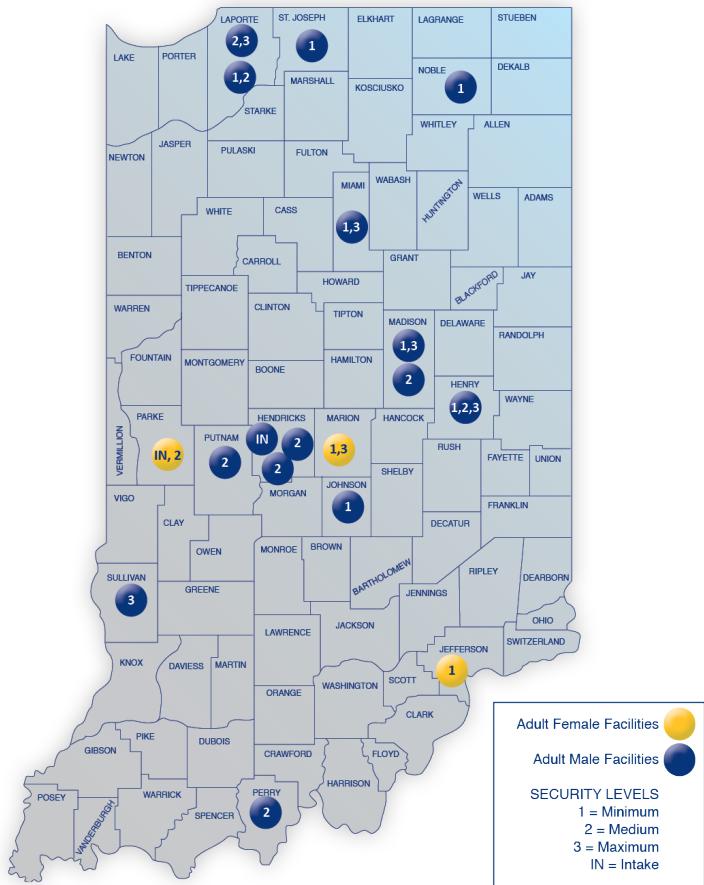
# Agency Leadership Teams



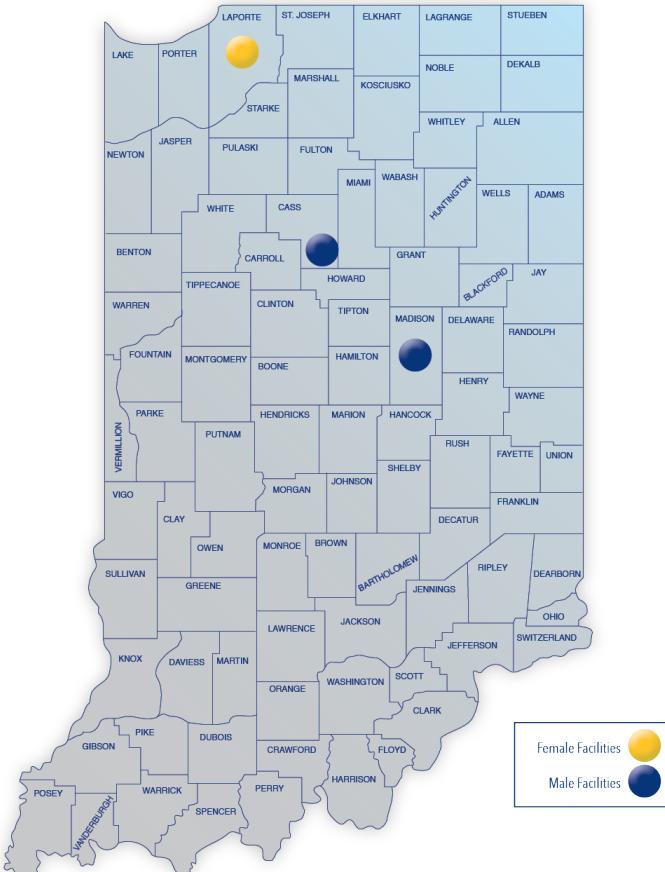
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## Agency Locations

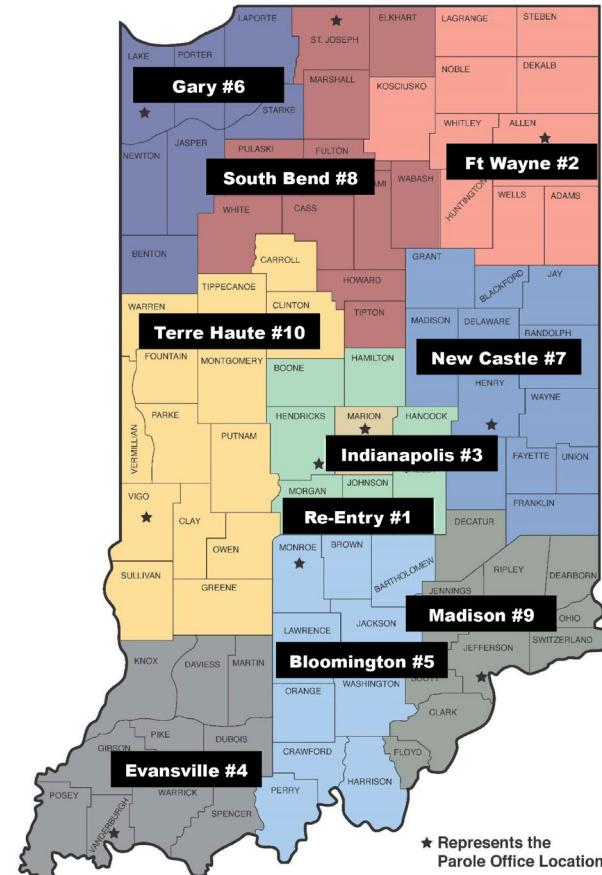
## Adult Facilities



## Juvenile Facilities



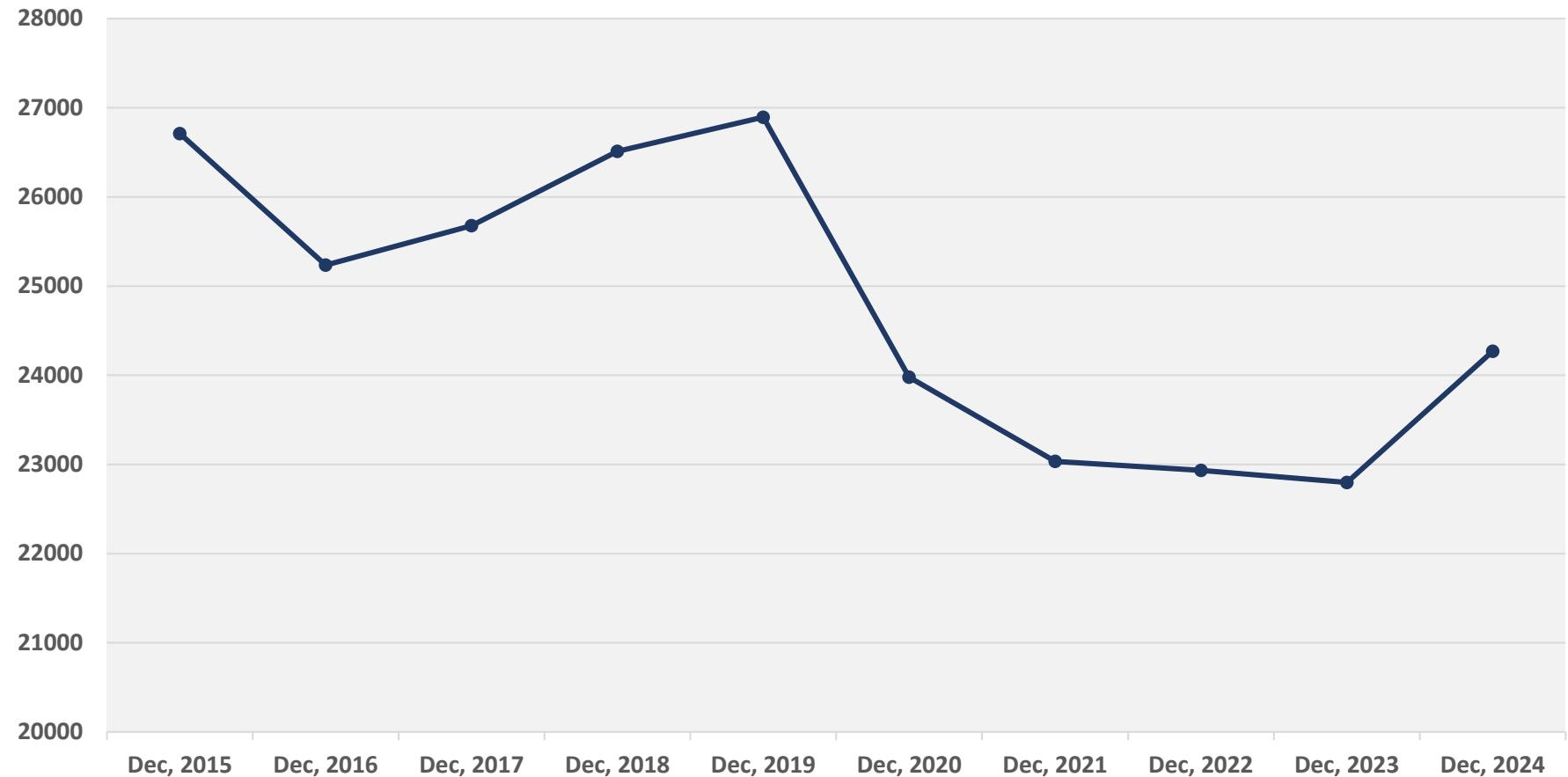
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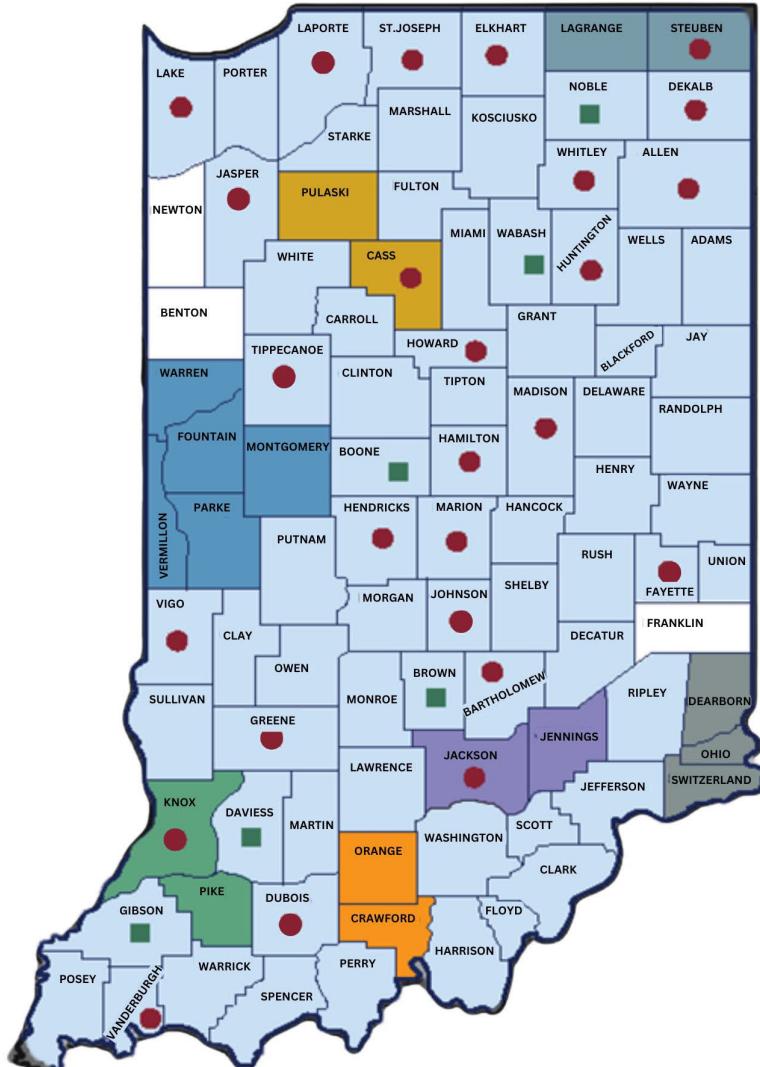
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# Adult Population Trends

- Serious Mental Health Needs
- Classified Maximum/Close Supervision
- Aging and Physical Health



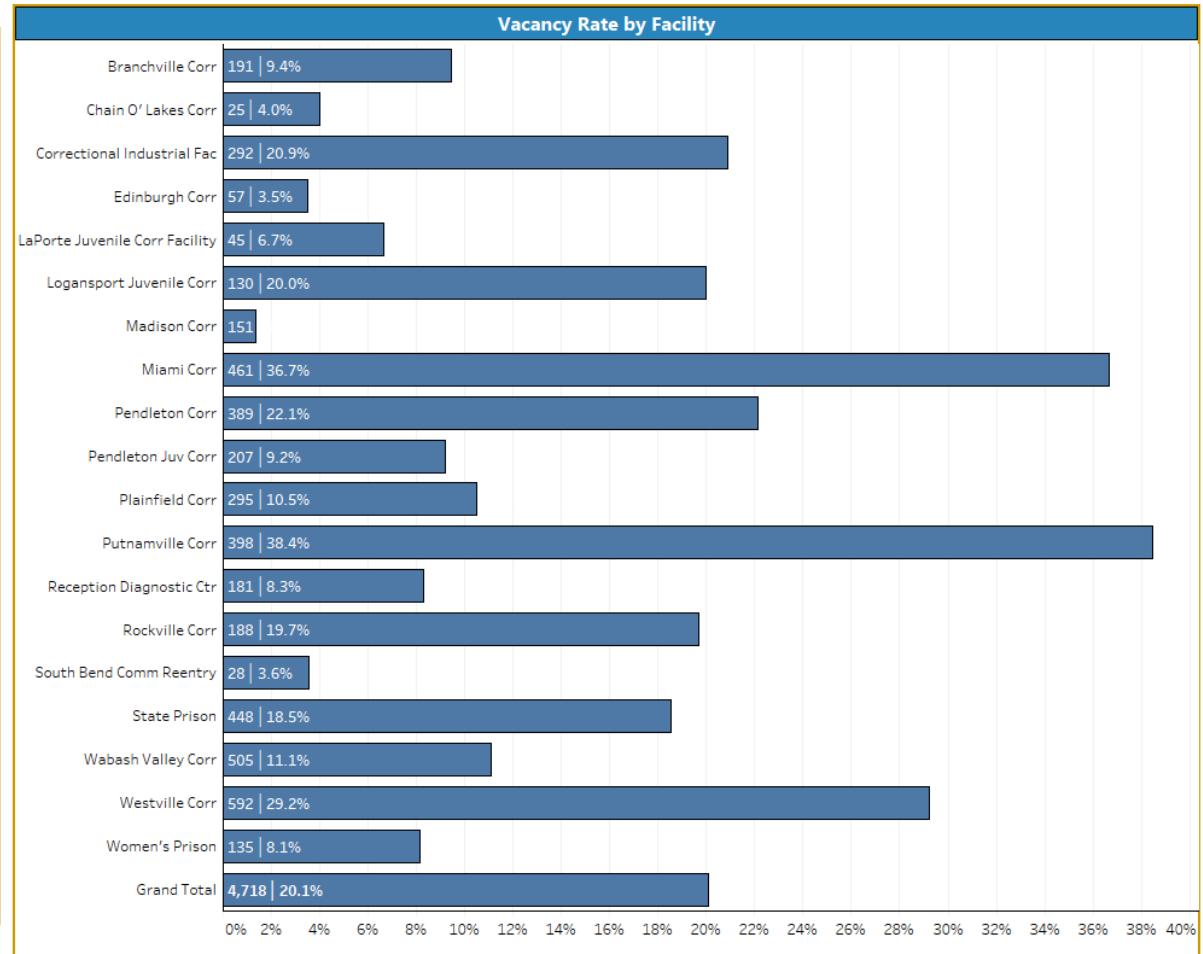
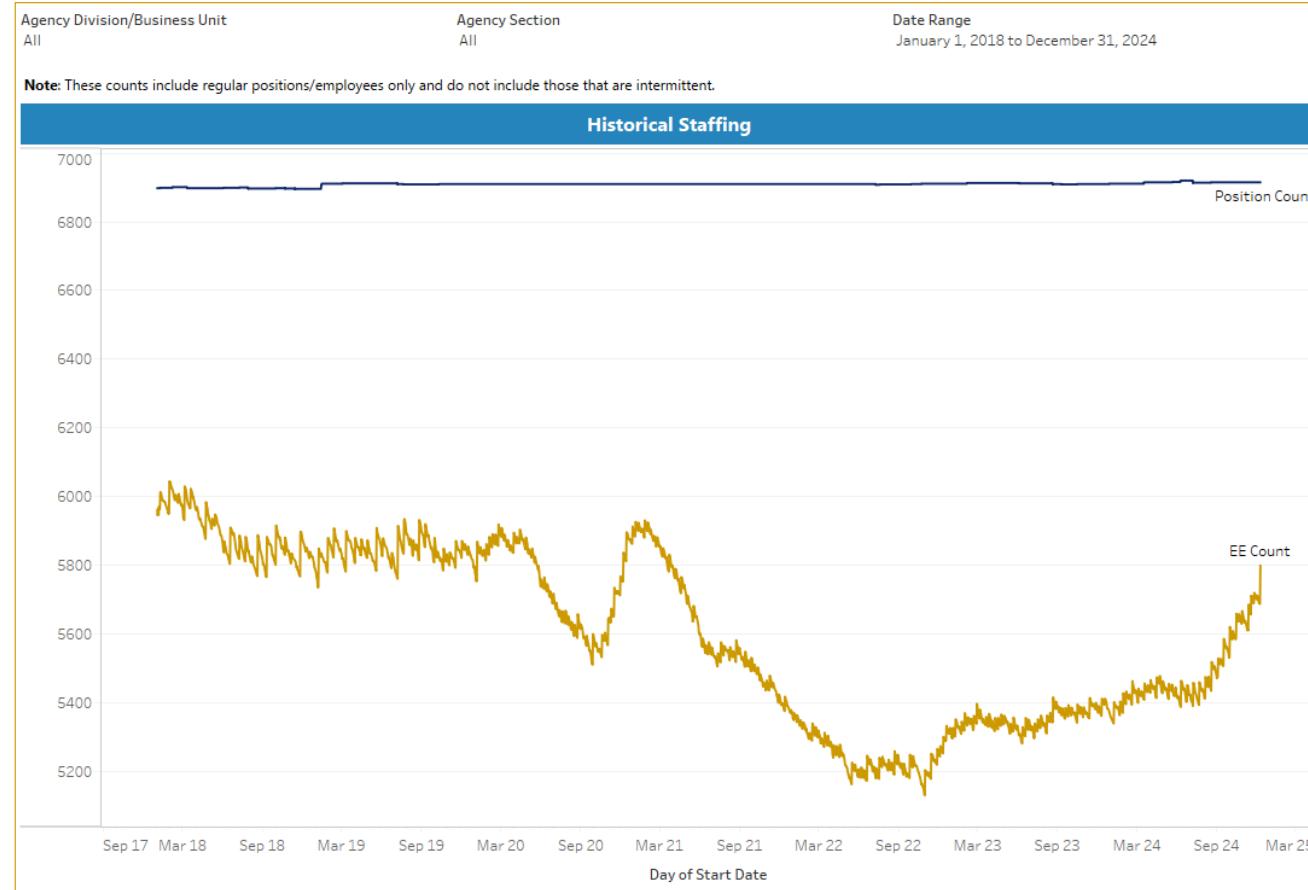
# Community Corrections/Justice Reinvestment Grants



- \$72.5M in grants to over 200 grant funded entities and 89 counties statewide
- New proposal to amend the community corrections fund distribution formula set forth in 210 IAC 2-1-3 was developed by a committee of representatives from IDOC, SBA, IACCAC, POPAI
  - Better accounts for variables including county population, age range, arrests, admissions and dispositions, per capita of next taxable, and available work release programs
  - Next step will be to move forward with the formal rulemaking process

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## Staffing Trends





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**Challenges and Opportunities**

- Agency Staffing
- Intake and Capacity
- Mental Health, Addiction Recovery, and Difficult Placements

# Challenges and Opportunities: Agency Staffing

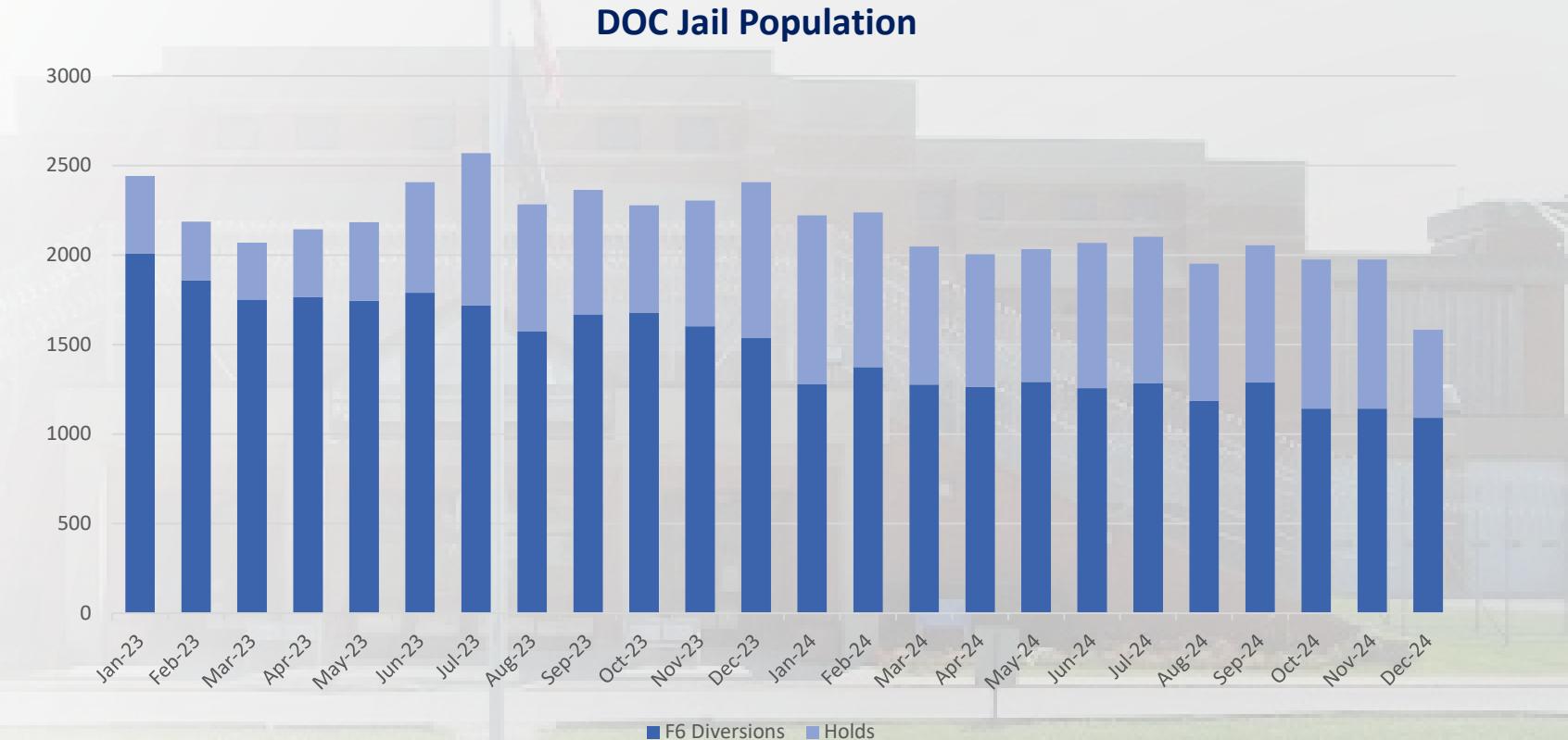
- Nationwide correctional workforce crisis
- Recruitment and retention in the FY 24-25 biennium
- Workforce development and Leading from Within



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# Challenges and Opportunities: Intake and Capacity

- Intake process mapping and results
- Impact of HEA 1004-2022 and County Jail Maintenance Contingency
- Outreach and collaboration with ISA



# Challenges and Opportunities: Mental Health, Addiction Recovery, and Difficult Placements

- Expansion of mental health treatment
- IPAS litigation resolution and sustainment of treatment programming
- Opioid settlement funding and medication-assisted treatment (MAT)
- Long-term, in-patient services for sex and violent offenders





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**Biennium Successes**

- Technology and Equipment
- Re-entry Services, Indiana Correctional Industries, and Parole
- Facility Security
- Northwest Indiana Correctional Facility

## Biennium Successes: Equipment and Technology

- Protective vests
- Body-worn cameras
- TASERs for less lethal option for trip staff and parole
- DELTA implementation
- Tablet refresh for incarcerated population



# Biennium Successes: Re-entry, Indiana Correctional Industries and Parole Services

- Programming and education
- Re-entry simulations and pre-release services
- Industries growth and enhanced collaboration
- Parole population growth, employment and wages success



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## Biennium Successes: Facility Security

- Investigations and intelligence networking
- Drone and contraband cell phone detection
- Critical Incident Stress Management and other specialty teams



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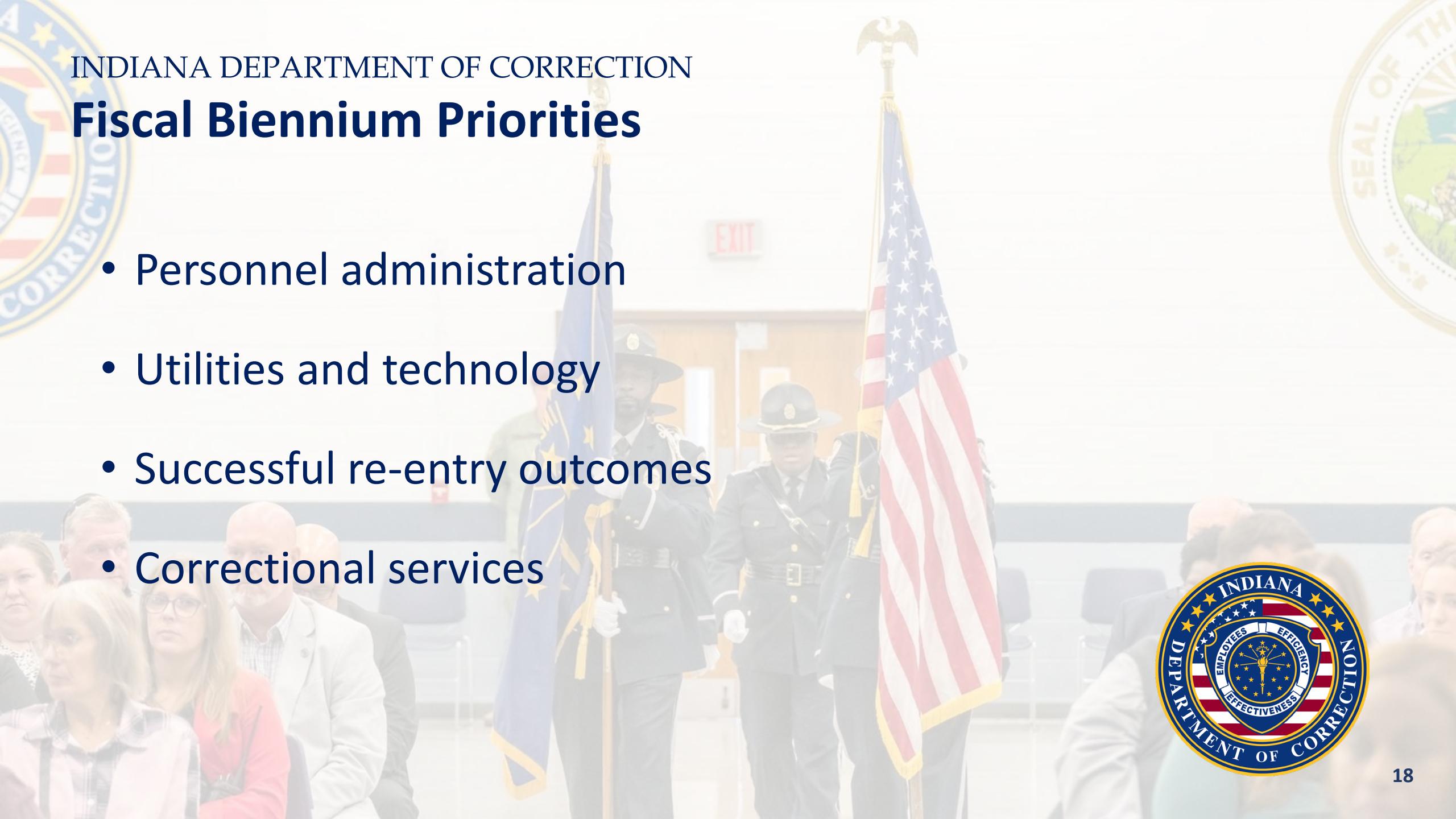
## Biennium Successes: Northwest Indiana Correctional Facility

- Project status
- Construction update
- Mission Alliance training initiative



# Fiscal Biennium Priorities

- Personnel administration
- Utilities and technology
- Successful re-entry outcomes
- Correctional services

A photograph of a formal ceremony. In the foreground, several people are seated in rows, facing a stage. On the stage, two individuals in dark uniforms stand at attention, holding flags. One flag is the Indiana state flag, and the other is the United States flag. An "EXIT" sign is visible in the background. The entire image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter.

# Federal Communications Commission Rate Caps

- Martha Wright-Reed Just and Reasonable Communications Act 2022
- \$12-\$14M in revenues each year
  - Invested in technology upgrades to assist with safety of incarcerated population
  - Impact to facility security operations





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