

THE JACKSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE & CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES



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General Information & History



What is a Jail?

Prison

- Inmates sentenced to more than one year of imprisonment.
- 32 State Prisons



Jail

- From time of arrest up to and including sentencing
- 83 Counties in the State of Michigan, each having their own jail. Separate and independent, run by each county Sheriff.

Who's In Jail?

Jail holds all pre-trial detainees.

- Waiting Arraignment
- Waiting Trial
- Unable to Post bond

Sentenced to less than 1 year of Jail time

- Sentences over 365 days are sent to Prison (Michigan Department of Corrections)

Charges

- We hold all Jackson County criminal charges from Murder, First Degree (Premeditated) to Civil - Failure to Pay Child Support
- In some instances, during complicated cases or because of Covid, pretrial detainees have been in jail for up to 3 years awaiting trial.

What is Inmate Classification?

When an inmate is processed in the jail, he/she is evaluated to determine the risks the inmate poses to Deputies, medical staff, mental health staff, and other inmates, as well as the inmates risk for escape. These class levels range from 1 being the lowest, to 4 being the highest.

In addition to safety, classification must be done in accordance with law, and for liability purposes.

HISTORY OF JACKSON COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES

Jackson County Jail 1925 to 1953

Jackson County Jail 1953 to present

- **Overcrowding became a BIG problem**
- In 1952 the current Wesley Street Facility was constructed and was placed into use in 1953.
- The new jail increased capacity from 15 to 90 inmates. It also helped Jackson come into compliance with state and federal law.



Tunnel to Court House Annex, East Side Alley 1985

- **OVERCROWDING IS NOT GOING AWAY**
- The problem of over crowding continued. In response, a 1985 decision called for a portion of minimum security inmates to be moved to the courthouse annex; an area on the west side of the prosecutor's office.



West side Edition 1978

- **Overcrowding still a problem**
- In 1978, the jail was remodeled, adding the West Side addition, increasing capacity to 117 beds.



Northside Addition 2002

- Wesley Street Facility expanded in 2004, replacing the Court House Annex.

The Chanter Road Facility 2004

- The Chanter Road Facility, completed in 2004 with a capacity of 252 inmates, is designed for minimum security only.