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## **Current Conditions of the Clark County Jail**

### **Recommended Housing Limit**

The Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction recommends a maximum of 167 inmates, based on total living space and operational standards—highlighting current overcrowding concerns. As of August 13, 2025, the inmate count was 220, after releasing 22 individuals. That means the Clark County Jail is 32% over capacity. 79% of those individuals are male and 21% are female.

### **Cost of Inmate Relocation Today**

If Clark County were required to house inmates elsewhere during construction today, it would approximately cost \$6.24 million per year, totaling \$18.72 million over three years—not including construction costs. The average stay of an inmate in the Clark County Jail is 7 days.

### **Issues Today**

With limited classroom space, there are a lack of treatment programs offered to inmates. The jail's Mental Health Specialist is limited to seeing 20-25 inmates per week on average. With more classrooms and bigger spaces, the jail can offer a wide variety of treatment programs, and the Mental Health Specialist can see up to 40 inmates per week, offering more of a small-group program.

There is currently no training space for officers. With a bigger training space, the Clark County Sheriff's Office can not only improve the skills of the officers but can also provide a safer environment for our community.

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