

THE STEPPINGUP INITIATIVE



Utilizing Data-Driven Strategic Approaches to Reduce the Number of People with Serious Mental Illness in Jail

Sarpy County, Nebraska

QUARTERLY REPORT

Data from Quarter 3

October 30, 2025

Stepping Up Agenda

October 30, 2025

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Updates:
 - Information Sharing Project
 - Kim K. / Vicki M.
 - Section 5121 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act
 - Vicki M.
 - Other:
3. Review Workplan, Data Report & Revised Set-Measure-Achieve Targets
4. Next Meeting will be in 2026. **Do we want to continue with Thursday's at 1pm?**
5. Conclude



Sarpy County Sequential Intercept Mapping (SIM) Priorities (May 2022)

1. Create a Sarpy County specific Emergency System Team to focus on solutions to challenges within the Emergency System.
2. Improve collaboration among providers service individuals from both the criminal justice and behavioral health systems.
3. Communicate upcoming Board of Mental Health changes.
4. Improve data sharing between criminal justice and behavioral health systems.

Sarpy County Steering Committee Priorities

- Engage Bellevue Police Department with Stepping Up (Intercept 0-1; SU Goal 1)
 - Completed August 2022 and Updated April 2023
 - Create Bench Notes for Competency to Stand Trial/Restoration (Intercept 3; SU Goal 2)
 - Completed November 2022
 - Reviewed/Updated Stepping Up Team Members
 - Completed September 2022
 - Stepping Up on County's Website
 - Completed Summer 2023
 - Identify STP Beyond 90 Days Option (Intercept 4; SU Goals 3 & 4)
 - Completed February 2022
 - Medication Post-Release (Intercept 3; SU Goals 3 & 4)
 - Contract with Pharmacy in place; Effective August 8, 2023
 - Reconcile NRS 38-2136 with HIPAA, LB337 drafted (All Intercepts, All SU Goals)
 - Completed June 2023; LB55
 - Explore Crisis Stabilization-like Service with Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare (Intercept 0-1; SU Goal 1)
 - In Process September 2022
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1. Share Competency Bench Notes Document with Judges
 - a. In Process March 2023
 2. Learn About Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHC) (Intercept 3; SU Goals 3 & 4)
 - a. In Process March 2022
 3. Identify Collaborative Software Platform to Improve CJ-MH Information Sharing (All Intercepts; All SU Goals)
 - a. In Process August 2022

4. Specialized Transition Planning (STP) – Explore Opps for Enhancement (Intercept 4; SU Goals 3 & 4)
 - a. In Process June 2022
5. Advocate for Co-Responder Position with Sarpy County Sheriff (Intercept 0-1; SU Goal 1)
 - a. In Process 2020
6. Sarpy County to receive Technical Assistance through MacArthur Foundation’s Safety and Justice Challenge – IMPACT Network
 - a. In Process April 2023 through April 2025
7. Partner with Grace Abbott School of Social Work, Douglas County, and others to develop training plan for LB55 MH Practice Act Information Sharing
 - a. In Process July 2023
8. Explore connection with DD/ID System



Stepping Up Definitions and Glossary



Terms and Abbreviations

<u>Brief Jail Mental Health Screen (BJMHS):</u>	primary tool utilized in detainee screening to determine whether further mental health assessment is warranted.
<u>Crisis Intervention Teams (CIT):</u>	the Memphis Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) model is an innovative, police-based, first responder program that has become nationally known as the "Memphis Model" of pre-arrest jail diversion for those in a mental health crisis. This program provides law enforcement based crisis intervention training for helping those individuals with mental illness. Involvement in CIT is voluntary and based on the patrol division of respective police departments. In addition, CIT works in partnership with those in mental health care services to provide a system of services that is friendly to the individuals with mental illness, family members, and police officers.
<u>Crisis Response and Intervention Training (CRIT):</u>	is a 40-hour training program designed to prepare police officers in their response to people experiencing crises related to behavioral health conditions (including mental health conditions and substance use disorders) and intellectual and developmental disabilities. This training is based upon the original Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training and is designed to complement the development and delivery of crisis response programs planned by law enforcement agencies, behavioral health service providers, and disability service providers in the community.
<u>Long-Acting Injectables (LAI):</u>	long-acting injectables (LAIs) are antipsychotic psychotropic medications administered through an injection. LAIs provide a pharmacological strategy for treating patients with serious mental illness(es) who relapse due to non-adherence to other antipsychotic medications often administered through other routes.
<u>Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT):</u>	medication-assisted treatment (MAT) is the use of medications with counseling and behavioral health therapies to treat substance use disorders and prevent opioid overdoses.
<u>Mental Health First Aid (MHFA):</u>	mental health first aid (MHFA) is an eight-hour public education training that introduces participants to the risk factors and warning signs of mental health problems, builds understanding of the impact of mental health problems, and provides an overview of common treatments. Re-certification is required every 3 years for this training.
<u>Recidivism:</u>	refers to a person's relapse into criminal behaviors, and is measured by criminal acts that result in a person being 're-booked' into jail within twelve (12) months of that person's last release date for other offenses.
<u>Serious Mental Illness (SMI):</u>	individuals who self-report a serious mental illness, and/or are diagnosed with one of the following diagnostic groupings: (i) Schizophrenia, (ii) Schizoaffective Disorder, (iii) Delusional Disorder, (iv) Bipolar Affective Disorder, (v) Major Depressive Disorder, (vi) Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder, and/or (vii) Psychotic Disorder.

Data Applications and Software Used

<u>P1-CAD:</u>	this is the primary dispatch system for law enforcement and fire department agencies across Sarpy County.
<u>IMACS:</u>	the primary jail booking software utilized at the Sarpy County Jail.
<u>ProPhoenix Records Management System (RMS):</u>	the primary records management system for law enforcement agencies across Sarpy County.
<u>MH:</u>	primary system utilized in Sarpy County to help track MHY type persons.



Stepping Up 4 Key Measures

Sarpy County



Goal 1: Reduce the Number of People with a Serious Mental Illness (SMI) Booked into Jail

<u>Numerator:</u>	The number of adults booked into the jail with a diagnosed or self-reported serious mental illness (SMI) during the month.
<u>Denominator:</u>	The average daily population (ADP) of the jail for the month.
<u>Data Source:</u>	Sarpy County Department of Corrections
<u>Date Provided:</u>	Quarterly
<u>Review Frequency:</u>	Quarterly
<u>Notes:</u>	Current metric does not separate out people who are 're-booked' due to a jail commitment, bench warrant, or custodial sanction.

Goal 2: Shorten the Average Length of Stay (ALOS) for People with a Serious Mental Illness (SMI) in Jail

<u>Numerator:</u>	The monthly average length of stay (ALOS) for adults released from jail with a serious mental illness (SMI).
<u>Denominator:</u>	Total number of adults released from the jail.
<u>Data Source:</u>	Sarpy County Department of Corrections
<u>Date Provided:</u>	Quarterly
<u>Review Frequency:</u>	Quarterly
<u>Notes:</u>	

Goal 3: Increase Percentage of Connections to Care for People with a Serious Mental Illness (SMI) in Jail

<u>Numerator:</u>	In Development
<u>Denominator:</u>	
<u>Data Source:</u>	Sarpy County Department of Corrections; Sarpy County Public Defender's Office
<u>Date Provided:</u>	Quarterly
<u>Review Frequency:</u>	Quarterly
<u>Notes:</u>	New dataset is currently in development for this metric to better capture persons eligible for re-entry planning through the jail and public defender's office.

Goal 4: Lower the Rates of Recidivism for People with a Serious Mental Illness (SMI) in Jail

<u>Numerator:</u>	The number of adults with a serious mental illness (SMI) who are re-booked into jail within twelve (12) months following their last release date.
<u>Denominator:</u>	The total number of bookings with a serious mental illness (SMI)
<u>Data Source:</u>	Sarpy County Department of Corrections
<u>Date Provided:</u>	Quarterly
<u>Review Frequency:</u>	Quarterly
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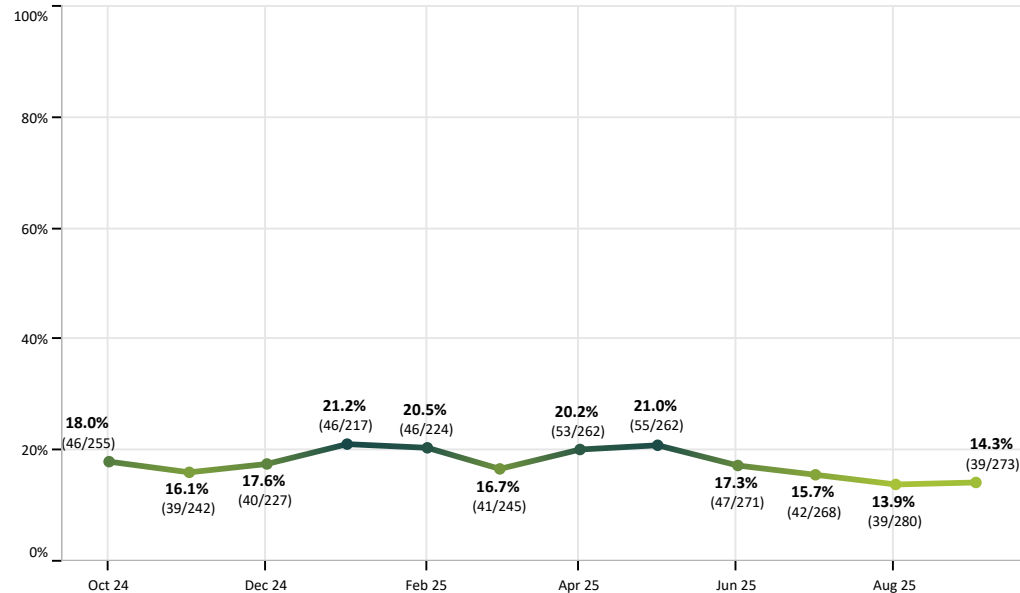
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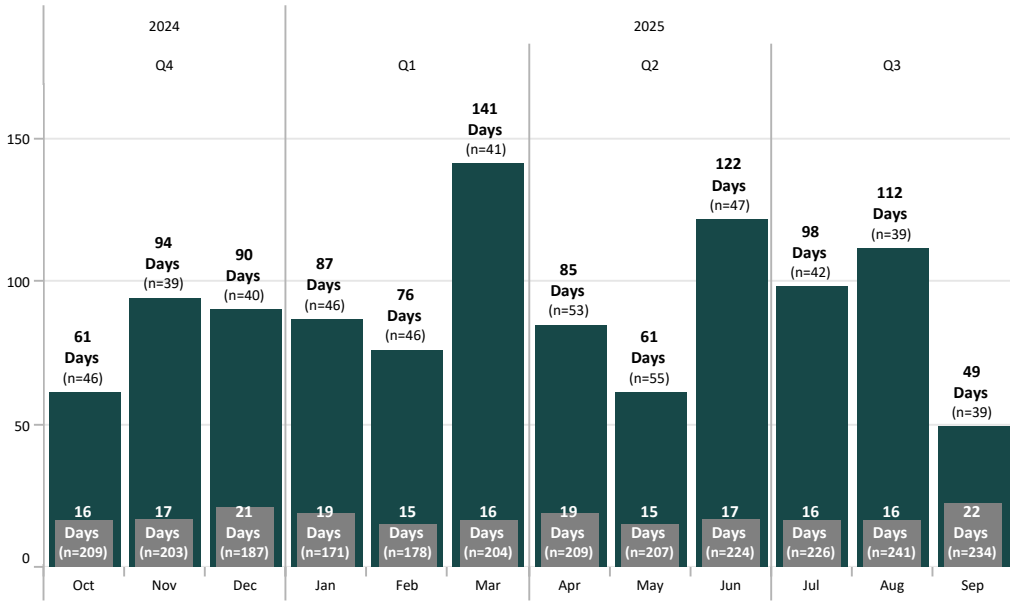
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Percentage of Average Daily Population (ADP) with a Serious Mental Illness (SMI)



Goal 2: Shorten the Average Length of Stay (ALOS) for People with a Serious Mental Illness (SMI) in Jail

Average Length of Stay (ALOS) in Days for those Incarcerated (SMI / Non-SMI)

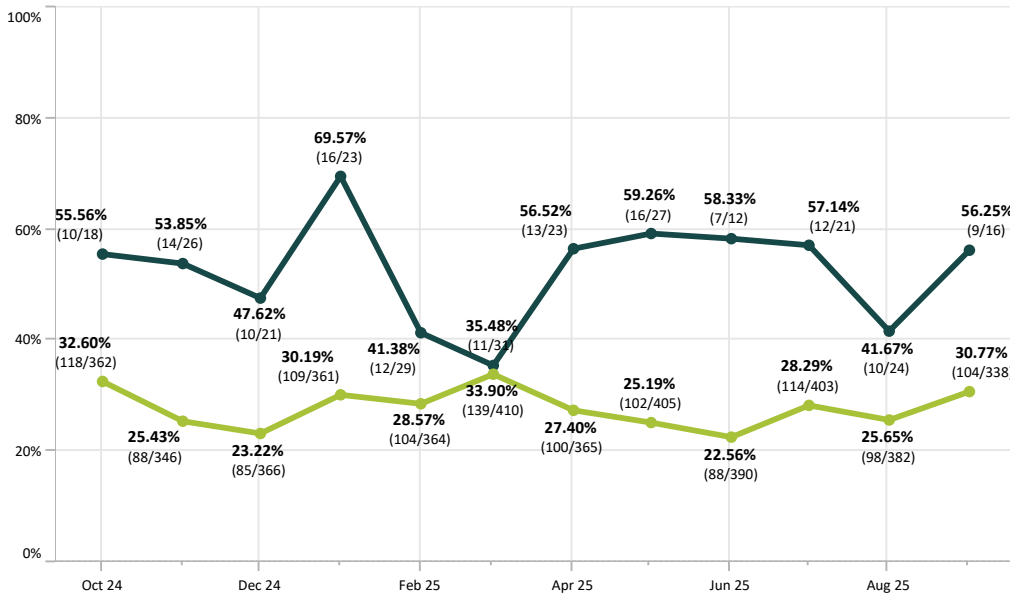


Goal 3: Increase Percentage of Connections to Care for People with a Serious Mental Illness (SMI) in Jail

New Metric In Development

Goal 4: Lower the Rates of Recidivism for People with a Serious Mental Illness (SMI) in Jail

Percent of Bookings per Month with a Previous Booking in the Last 12 Months (SMI / Non-SMI)





"Set, Measure, & Achieve" 4 Key Measures

Sarpy County



Goal 1: Reduce the Number of People with a Serious Mental Illness (SMI) Booked into Jail by 10%

Numerator: The number of adults booked into the jail with a diagnosed or self-reported serious mental illness (SMI) during the month.

Denominator:

Data Source: Sarpy County Department of Corrections

Date Provided: Quarterly

Review Frequency: Quarterly

Notes: Current metric does not separate out people who are 're-booked' due to a jail commitment, bench warrant, or custodial sanction.

Goal 2: Shorten the Average Length of Stay (ALOS) for People with a Serious Mental Illness (SMI) in Jail by 5% annually

Numerator: The monthly average length of stay (ALOS) for adults released from jail with a serious mental illness (SMI).

Denominator: Total number of adults released from the jail.

Data Source: Sarpy County Department of Corrections

Date Provided: Quarterly

Review Frequency: Quarterly

Notes:

Goal 3: Increase Percentage of Connections to Care for People with a Serious Mental Illness (SMI) in Jail by 10%

Numerator: **In Development**

Denominator:

Data Source: Sarpy County Department of Corrections; Sarpy County Public Defender's Office

Date Provided: Quarterly

Review Frequency: Quarterly

Notes:

Goal 4: Lower the Rates of Recidivism for People with a Serious Mental Illness (SMI) in Jail by 5%

Numerator: The number of adults with a serious mental illness (SMI) who are re-booked into jail within twelve (12) months following their last booking date.

Denominator: The total number of bookings with a serious mental illness (SMI)

Data Source: Sarpy County Department of Corrections

Date Provided: Quarterly

Review Frequency: Quarterly

Notes: Current metric does not separate out people who are 're-booked' due to a jail commitment, bench warrant, or custodial sanction.



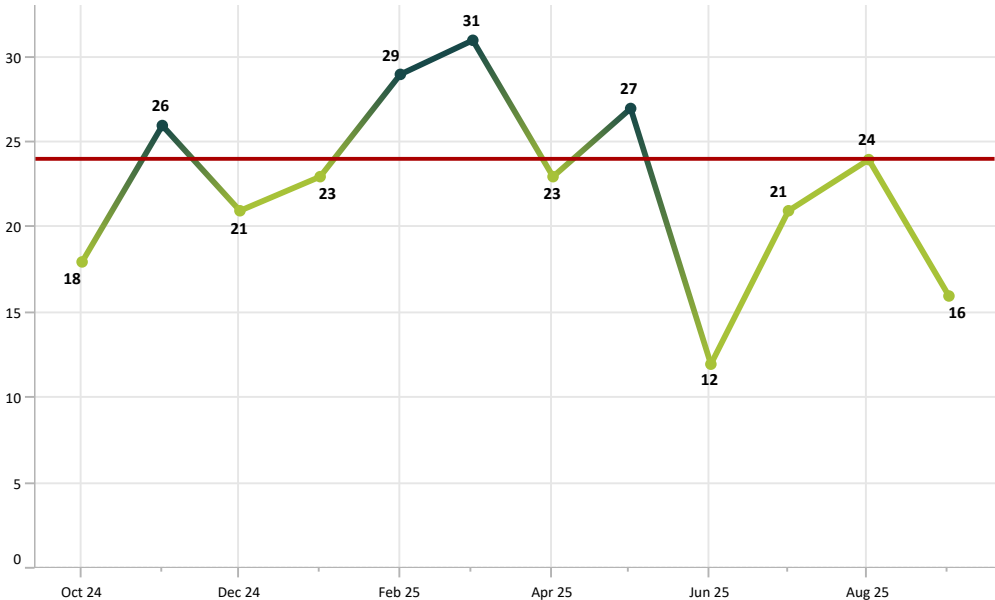
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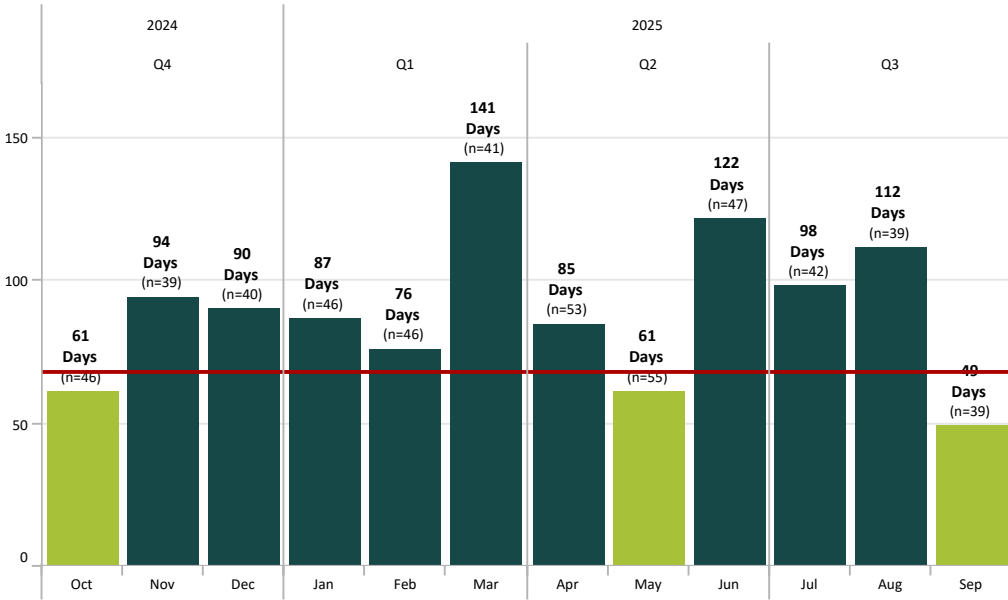
Goal 1: Reduce the Number of People with a Serious Mental Illness (SMI) Booked into Jail

Number of Bookings for Persons with a Serious Mental Illness (SMI) in the Last 12 Months
(Target = 24 Bookings)



Goal 2: Shorten the Average Length of Stay (ALOS) for People with a Serious Mental Illness (SMI) in Jail

Average Length of Stay in Days for People with a Serious Mental Illness (SMI)
(Target = 68 Days)

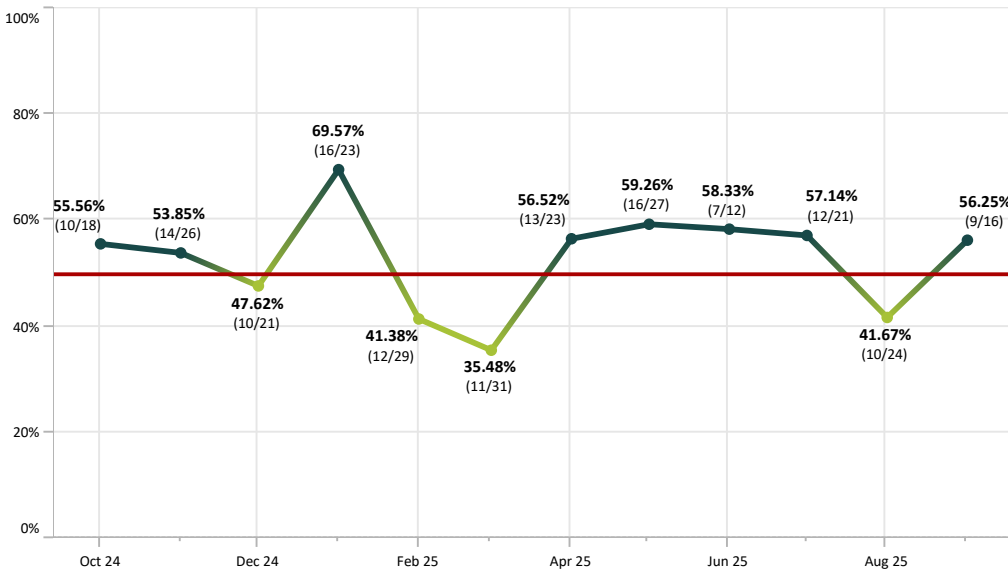


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New Metric in Development

Goal 4: Lower the Rates of Recidivism for People with a Serious Mental Illness (SMI) in Jail by 5%

Percent of Bookings per Month for Persons with a Serious Mental Illness (SMI) and a Previous Booking in the Last 12 Months
(Target = 49.57%)



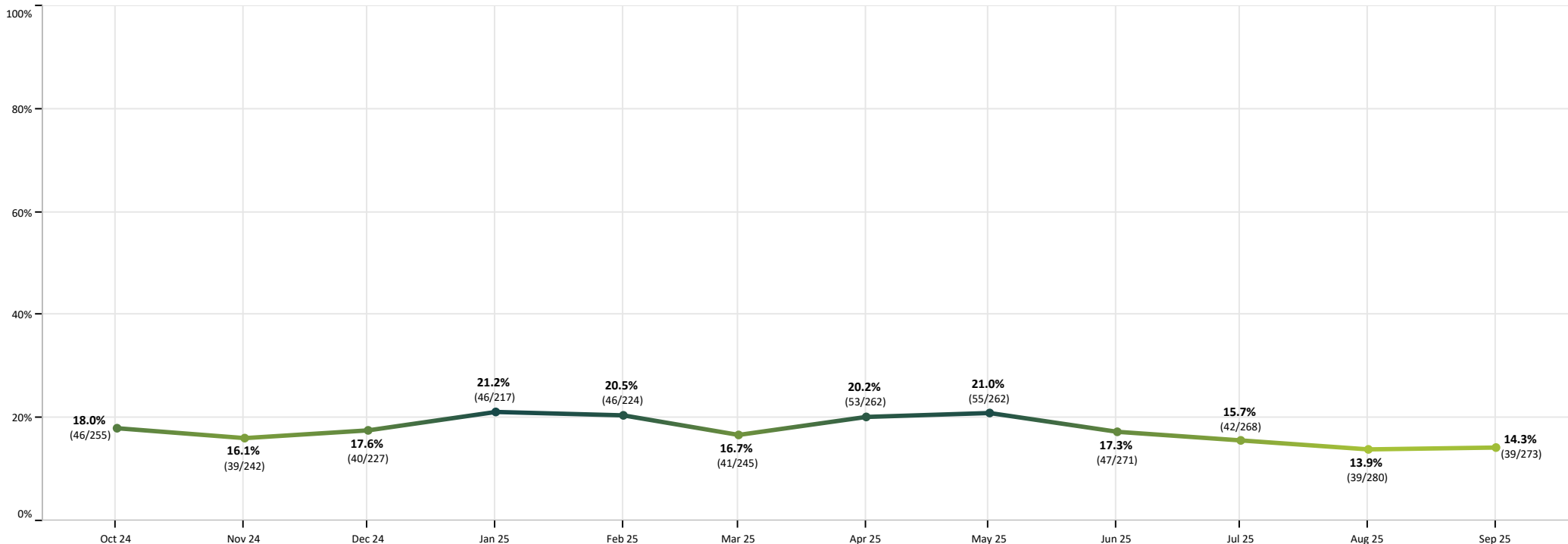
Stepping Up 4 Key Measures – Sarpy County

Goal 1	Reduce the Number of People with a Serious Mental Illness (SMI) Booked into Jail Set, Measure, Achieve Target = 24 Individuals or Less		
	Strategy	Status/Target	Notes/Updates
Objective 1:	Each Law Enforcement Agency in Sarpy County will work toward having 100% of Sworn Officers Trained in CIT, MHFA, or Both.		
a.	Review CIT and/or CRIT and MHFA data for each law enforcement agency, develop strategies as needed.	Ongoing	
Objective 2:	The 911 Call Center, County Attorney's Office, Public Defender's Office, and Probation will have 100% Identified Staff Trained in CIT and/or CRIT and MHFA.		
a.	Collect and monitor baseline data; develop strategies as needed.	Ongoing	
Objective 3:	Law Enforcement Agencies will Provide the Best Possible Response to Calls Involving a Mental Health Related Crisis.		
a.	Collect baseline data on Crisis Center Triage Disposition; develop strategies as needed.	Ongoing	
b.	Collect baseline data on Mobile Crisis Response Assessments completed by law enforcement agency; develop strategies as needed.	Ongoing	
c.	Collect baseline data on Mobile Crisis Response Disposition categories; develop strategies as needed.	Ongoing	
d.	Region 6 leading Information Sharing Project.	Ongoing	
Objective 4:	Monitor Number of Individuals with a Serious Mental Illness (SMI) Booked into Jail with a Misdemeanor Charge.		
a.	Collect baseline data on individuals with a SMI booked into jail with a misdemeanor charge by law enforcement agency; develop strategies as needed.	Ongoing	



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Percentage of Average Daily Population (ADP) with a Serious Mental Illness (SMI)



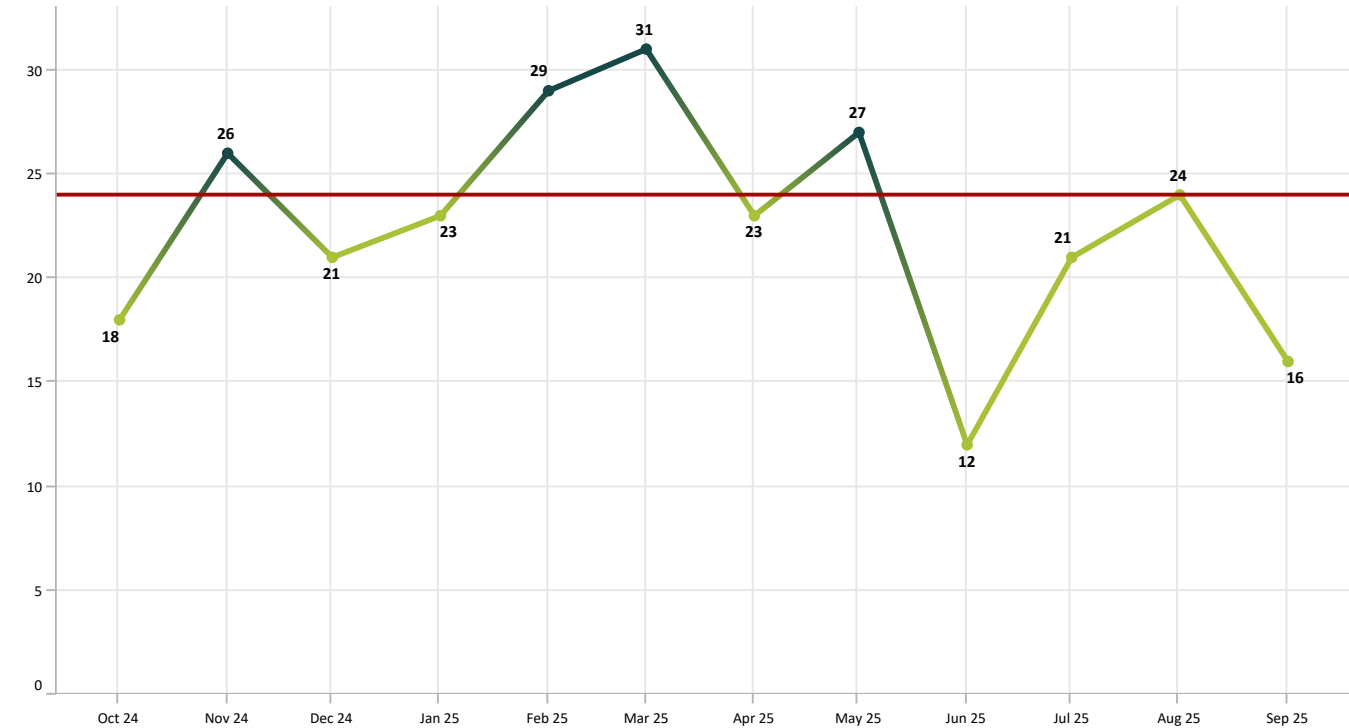
Measure:	Definition:	Data Source:	Review Frequency:
The average daily population (ADP) for those with a serious mental illness (SMI) in the jail for the month	By month	Jo Martin Sarpy County Department of Corrections	Quarterly

- Analysis/Notes:
- These numbers may also be impacted by warrants, citations, sanctions, or commitments based on new charges for existing releases. Any factor that may result in a "repeat" booking on the same charge could influence these metrics.
 - Sarpy County continues to show a decrease in the overall monthly average daily population (ADP) for those with a serious mental illness (SMI) in jail. This decrease has been slowly occurring since CY 2023.
 - The Crisis Stabilization and Resource Center opened Triage services in August of CY 2024.

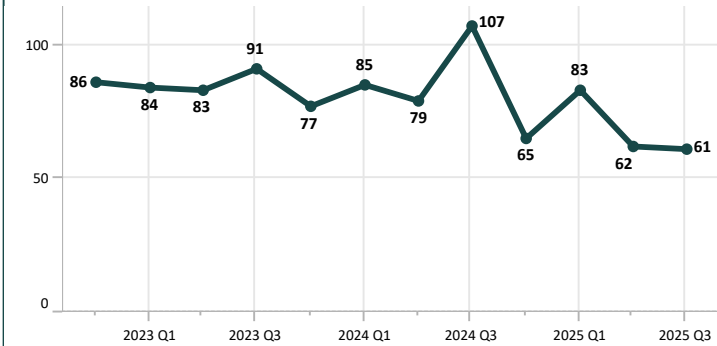


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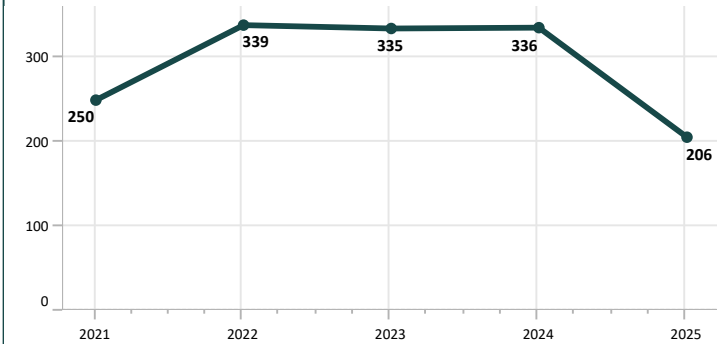
Number of Bookings for Persons with a Serious Mental Illness (SMI) in the Last 12 Months
(Target = 24 Bookings)



Number of Bookings for Persons with a Serious Mental Illness by Quarter



Number of Bookings for Persons with a Serious Mental Illness by Year



Measure:	Definition:	Data Source:	Review Frequency:
The number of adults booked into the jail with a diagnosed or self-reported serious mental illness (SMI) during the month)	By month, quarter, and year	Jo Martin Sarpy County Department of Corrections	Quarterly

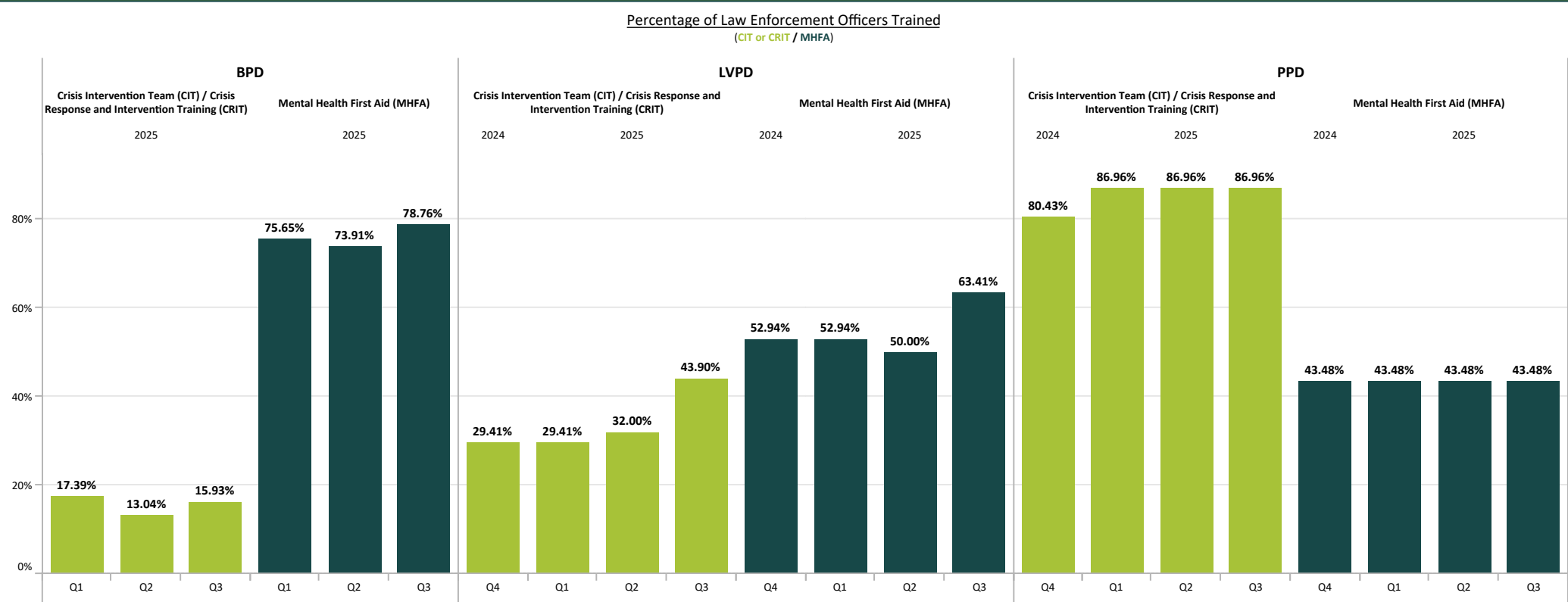
Analysis/Notes:

- A new target of 24 bookings was established for this metric in CY 2025. The new target is based on a new data set introduced in CY 2025, and a 5% reduction in the total number of monthly bookings. This 5% reduction was baselined on the CY 2024 average. Sarpy County is currently projected to have booked it's lowest number of individuals with a Serious Mental Illness (SMI) since CY 2021, by the end of CY 2025.
- Sarpy County has been at or below the new target of twenty-four (24) bookings for individuals with a serious mental illness (SMI) for eight (8) of the last twelve (12) months, meaning Sarpy County has hit its target 66.66% of the time from a rolling months perspective.
- In looking only at the current calendar year, Sarpy County has been at or below the target of 24 bookings for six (6) of the nine (9) months, which is also 66.66% of the current target for CY 2025.
- The Crisis Stabilization and Resource Center opened Triage services in August of CY 2024.
- These numbers may also be impacted by warrants, citations, sanctions, or commitments based on new charges for existing releases. Any factor that may result in a "repeat" booking on the same charge could influence these metrics.



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Objective 1: Each Law Enforcement Agency in Sarpy County will work toward having 100% of Sworn Officers Trained in either CIT/CRIT, MHFA, or Both



Measure:	Definition:	Data Source:	Review Frequency:
The total number of sworn officers with Crisis Intervention Team (CIT)/Crisis Response and Intervention Training (CRIT) and/or Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) training / Total number of sworn officers	By quarter By law enforcement agency	Sgt. Manning - Bellevue Police Department (BPD) Cpt. Armbrust - La Vista Police Department (LVPD) Dep. Chief Orchard - Papillion Police Department (PPD) Dep. Dawn Herlacher - Sarpy County Sheriff's Office (SCSO)	Quarterly

- Analysis/Notes:
- Recertification for MHFA is required every 3 years. This metric does not take into consideration recertification for law enforcement officers, but counts whether or not they have completed the training at all.
 - Bellevue PD and La Vista PD both showed growth in Q3 with respect to officers trained in CIT/CRIT and officers trained in MHFA. Papillion PD retained the same FTEs and trained officers during the quarter. Papillion PD numbers do not include civilians or recruits in this metric.
 - Region 6 is working with the Sarpy County Sheriff's Office to streamline Training and FTE reporting for future reports.



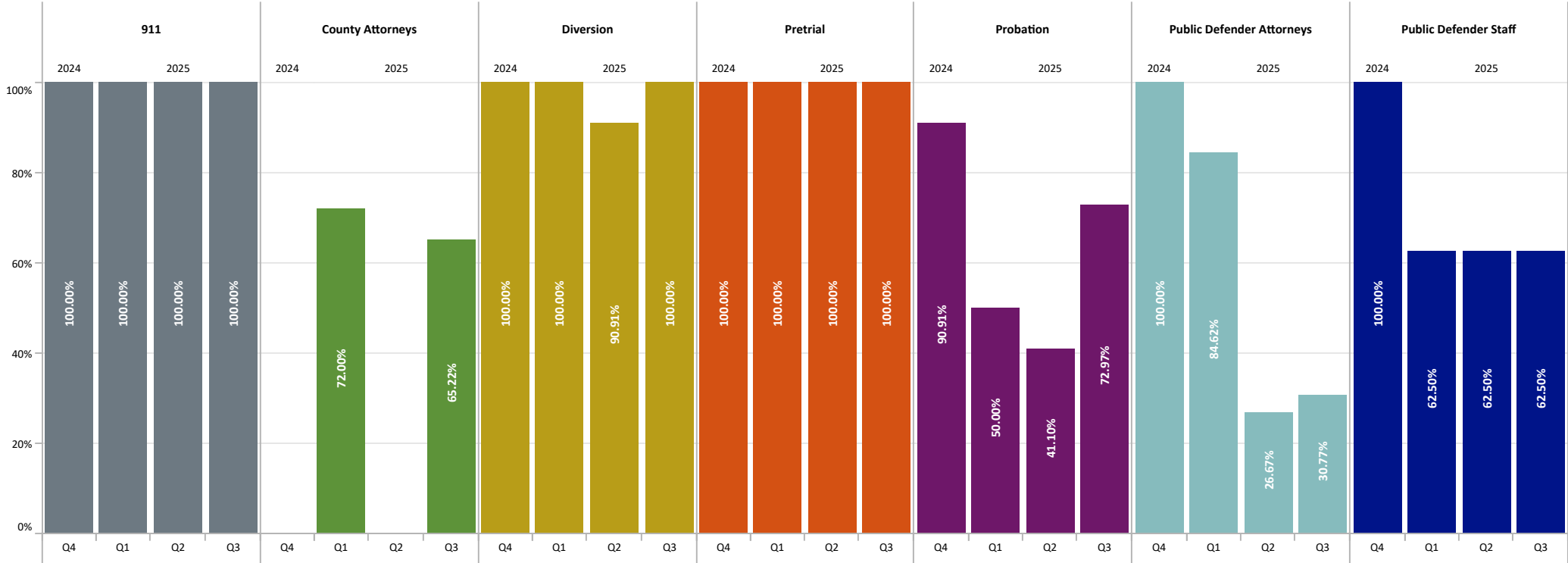
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Objective 2: Criminal Justice Stakeholders will have 100% of Identified Staff Trained in Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) or Crisis Intervention Team (CIT)/Crisis Response and Intervention Training (CRIT)

Percent of Criminal Justice Stakeholders with CIT/CRIT and/or MHFA Training



Measure:	Definition:	Data Source:	Review Frequency:
The total number of eligible employees with Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training and/or Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) training / Total number of eligible employees	By quarter By criminal justice stakeholder group	William Muldoon - 911 Dylan Folchert - Sarpy County Attorney's Office Carisa Gosda - Mental Health Diversion Ashlie Weisbrodt - Mental Health Pretrial Jeff Jennings - Probation Ashley Berg - Sarpy County Public Defender's Office	Quarterly

Analysis/Notes:

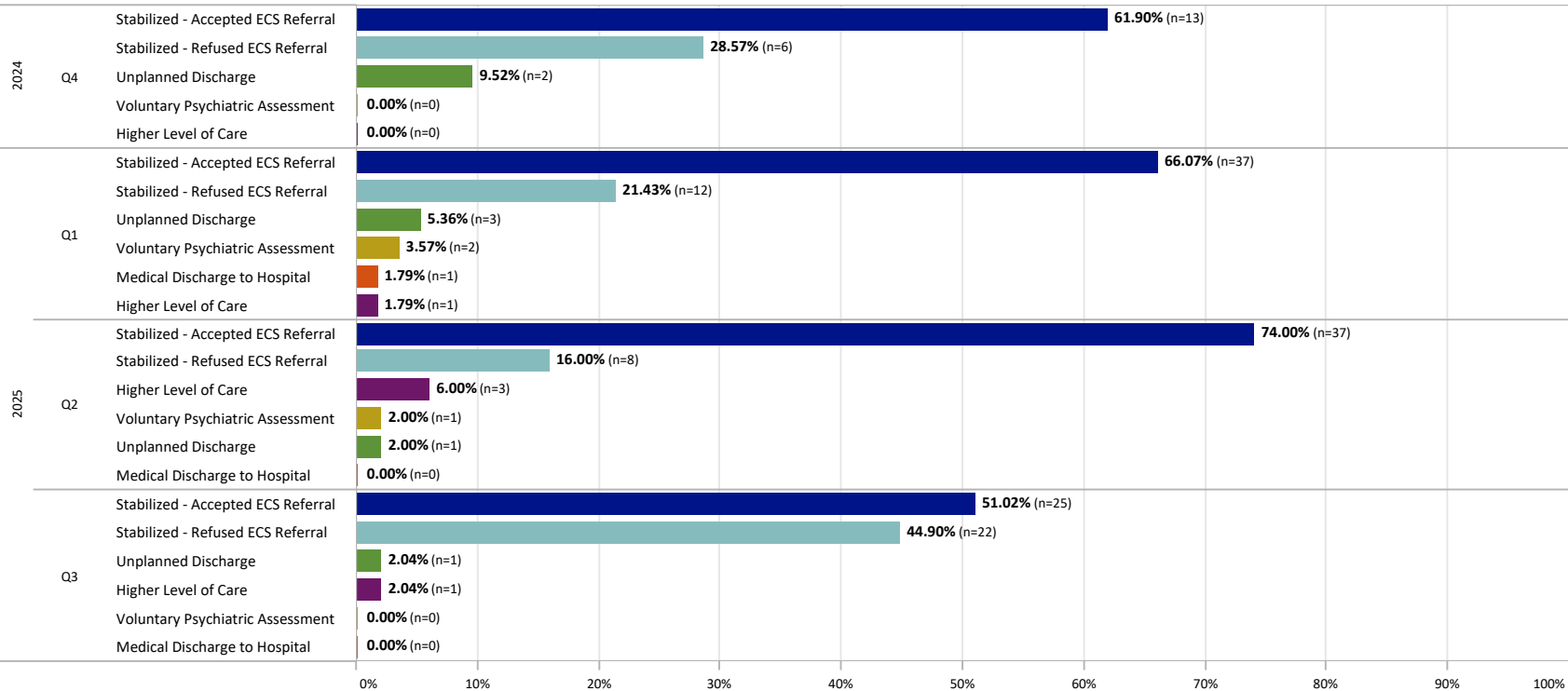
- Recertification for MHFA is required every 3 years.
- The Public Defender's Office showed a decrease in both attorneys and staff with respect to training coverage. This decrease is due to recently expired FTEs and no further directives to renew training for attorneys or staff.
- Probation reported a significant increase in personnel trained in MHFA during this quarter, with 54 staff trained in MHFA out of a total of 74 full time employees.
- Both Diversion and Pretrial have reported 100% of eligible employees trained as of Q3 of CY 2025.
- The Sarpy County Attorney's Office utilizes CIP not CIT/CRIT/MHFA.



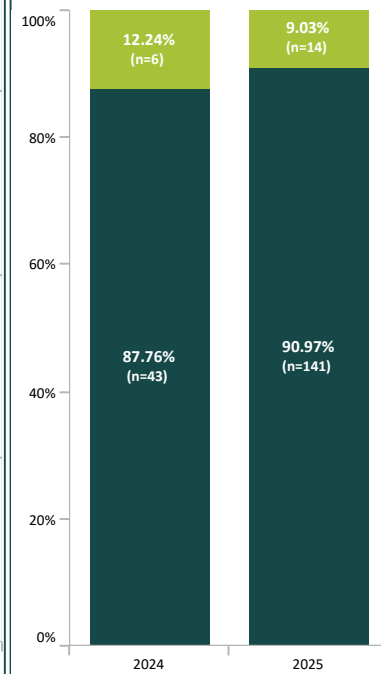
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Objective 3: Law Enforcement Agencies will Provide the Best Response Possible to Calls Involving a Mental Health Related Crisis

Percent of Persons Discharged from the Crisis Stabilization and Resource Center's Triage Services by Final Disposition



Percent of Persons Discharged from Triage Services by Final Disposition and Year
(Stabilized / Not Stabilized)



Measure:	Definition:	Data Source:	Review Frequency:
Percent of persons discharged from the Crisis Stabilization and Resource Center's Triage Services by Final Disposition	By quarter and year Does not apply to other services provided through the Crisis Stabilization and Resource Center (i.e., Crisis Stabilization, Emergency Community Support, Mental Health Respite)	Jenny Stewart Heartland Family Service	Quarterly

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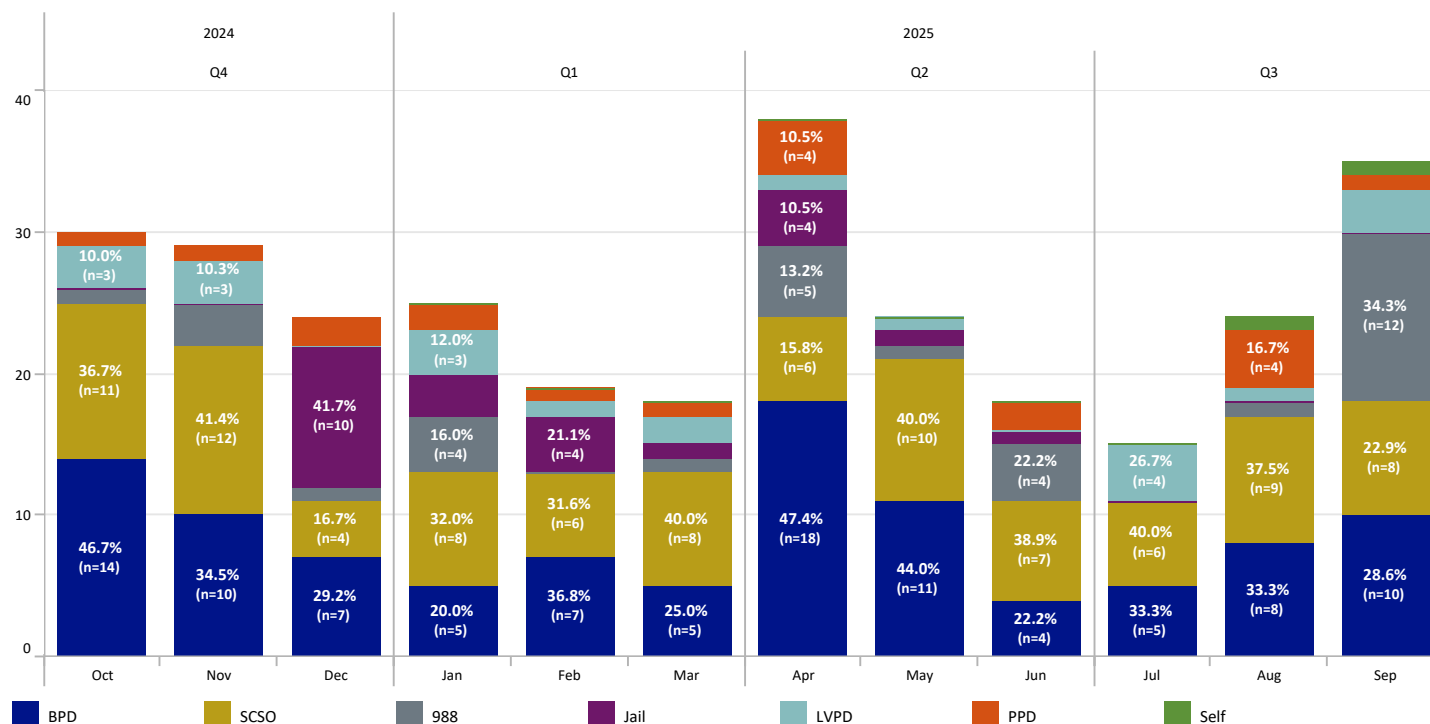
- The Crisis Stabilization and Resource Center opened Triage services in August of CY 2024.
- 90.91% of individuals in Triage services over the last four (4) quarters were reported to discharge as "Stabilized", with 63.64% discharging with an accepted referral for Emergency Community Support.
- There was some minor growth in the percentage of persons discharged as "Stabilized" between CY 2024 and CY 2025, from 87.76% to 90.97%.



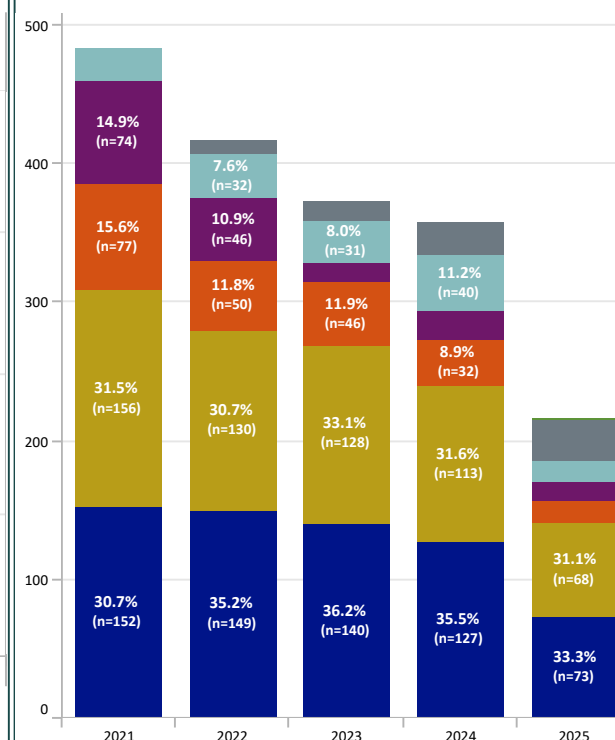
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Mobile Crisis Response Calls by Law Enforcement Agency by Month



Mobile Crisis Response Calls by Law Enforcement Agency and Year



Measure:	Definition:	Data Source:	Review Frequency:
The total number of Mobile Crisis Response (MCR) interventions by agency and month	By month and quarter	Emily Boardman Heartland Family Service	Quarterly

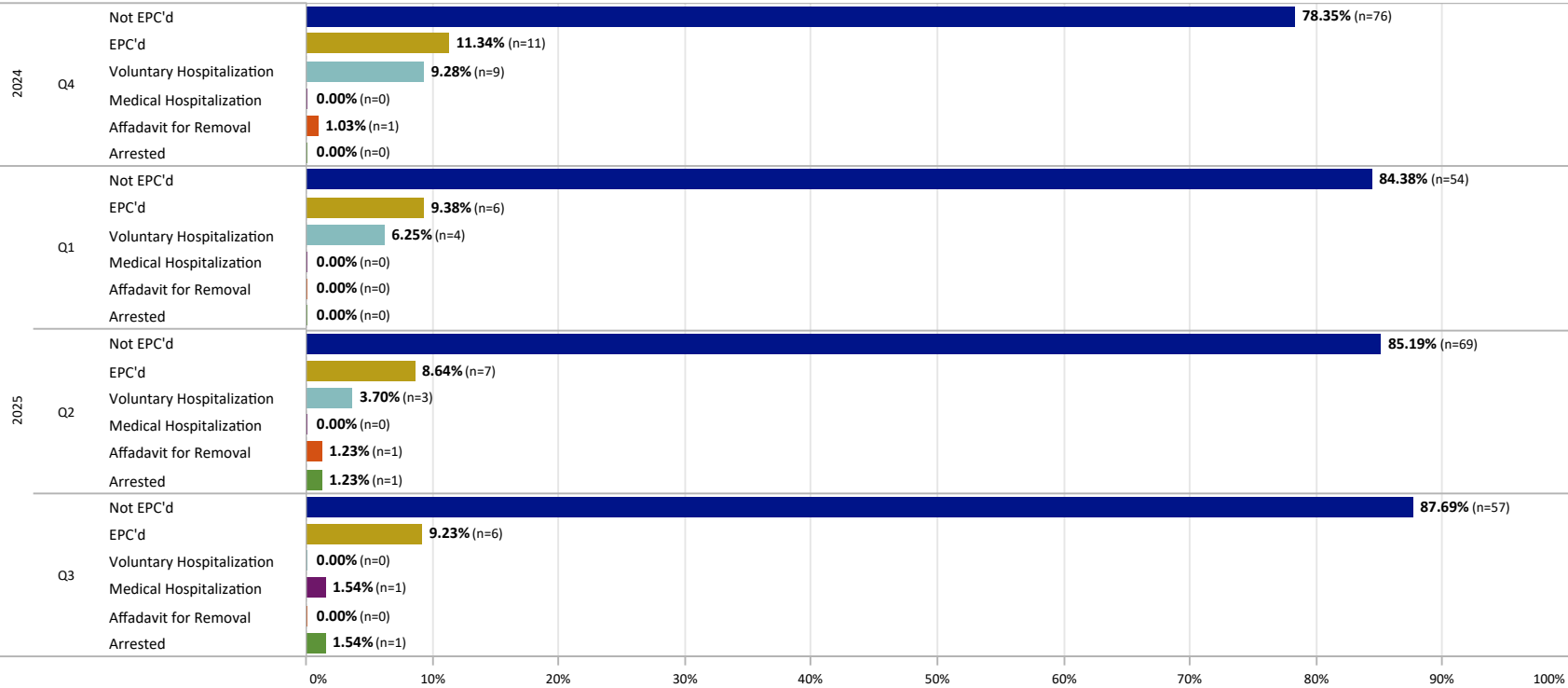
- Analysis/Notes:**
- Data includes Face to Face Assessments, Telehealth Assessments, Telephone Consultations, and Cancelled Calls.
 - 988 Data is included in this chart in gray.
 - Bellevue PD and the Sarpy County Sheriff's Office continue to be the largest utilizers for Mobile Crisis Response Activations through CY 2025. Both agencies continue to utilize Mobile Crisis Response with (roughly) the same ratio across calendar years, but the overall volume of activations continues to decline in tandem across all activation sources.
 - Mobile Crisis Response activations continue to decline in overall usage across Sarpy County. This could be due to a variety of reasons, to include the SCSO's Mental Health Unit, the implementation of the Crisis Stabilization and Resource Center in August of CY 2024, and other factors. Current estimates continue to show overall Mobile Crisis Response activations to decline on a year-by-year basis, and overall assessments to be lower than the previous calendar year.



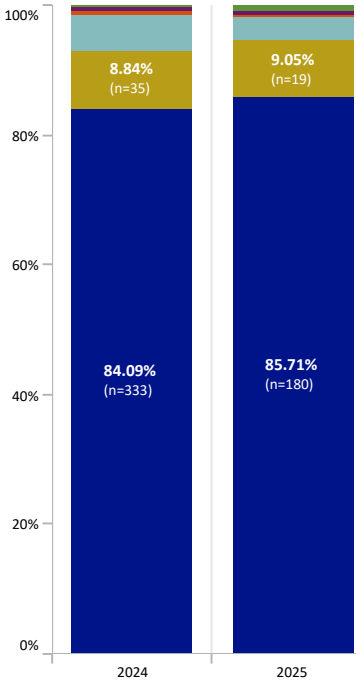
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Percent of Persons Discharged from Mobile Crisis Response by Disposition Category



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Measure:	Definition:	Data Source:	Review Frequency:
Percent of persons discharged from the Sarpy County Crisis Stabilization Center's Triage Services by Final Disposition	By quarter and year	Emily Boardman Heartland Family Service	Quarterly

Analysis/Notes:

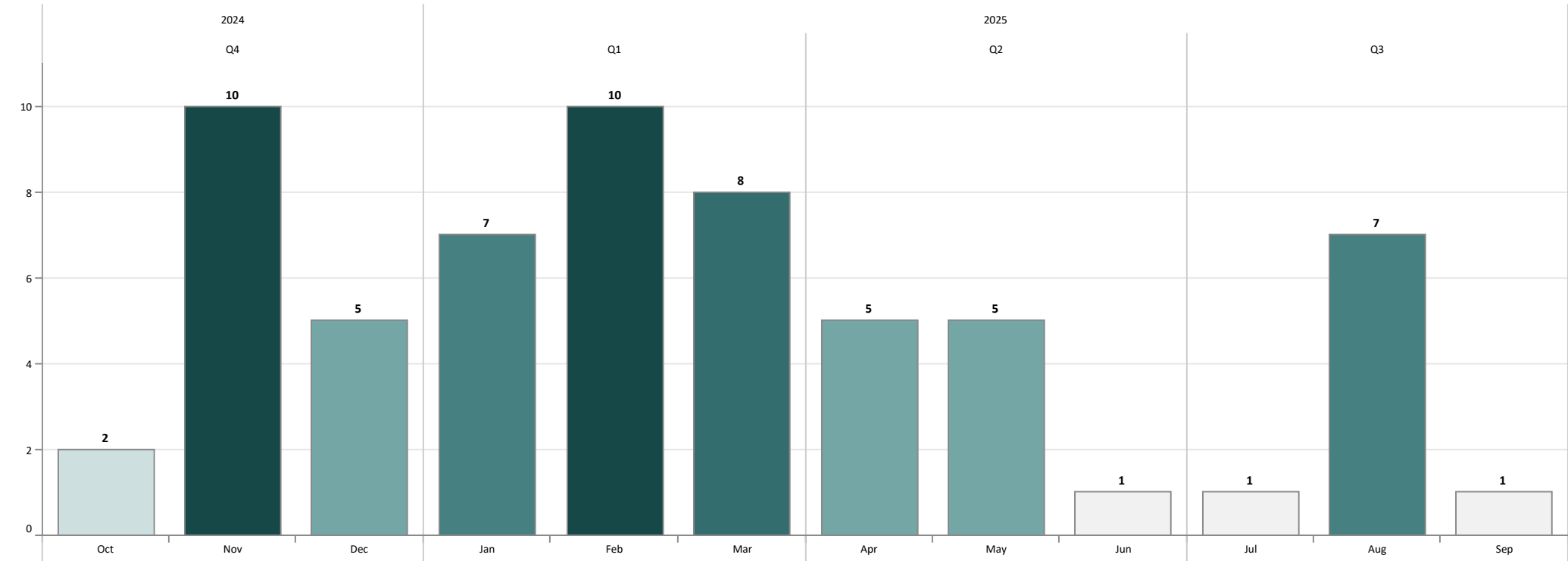
- New data for Q4 CY 2024.
- Data derived from Heartland Family Service ASAP Mobile Crisis Response Stats.
- Over the last four (4) quarters, 83.39% of Mobile Crisis Response activations have resulted in no EPC or follow-up intervention (i.e., hospitalization, arrest, etc.).
- So far as of CY 2025, 85.71% of Mobile Crisis Response activations have been resolved without the need for a follow-up intervention.



Goal 1: Reduce the Number of People with a Serious Mental Illness (SMI) Booked into Jail

Objective 4: Monitor the number of Persons with a Serious Mental Illness Booked into Jail on a Misdemeanor Charge

Number of Misdemeanor Bookings for Persons with a Serious Mental Illness



Measure:	Definition:	Data Source:	Review Frequency:
The number of persons with a Serious Mental Illness (SMI) booked into Jail on a Misdemeanor each mont	By month	Jo Martin Sarpy County Department of Corrections	Quarterly

Analysis/Notes:

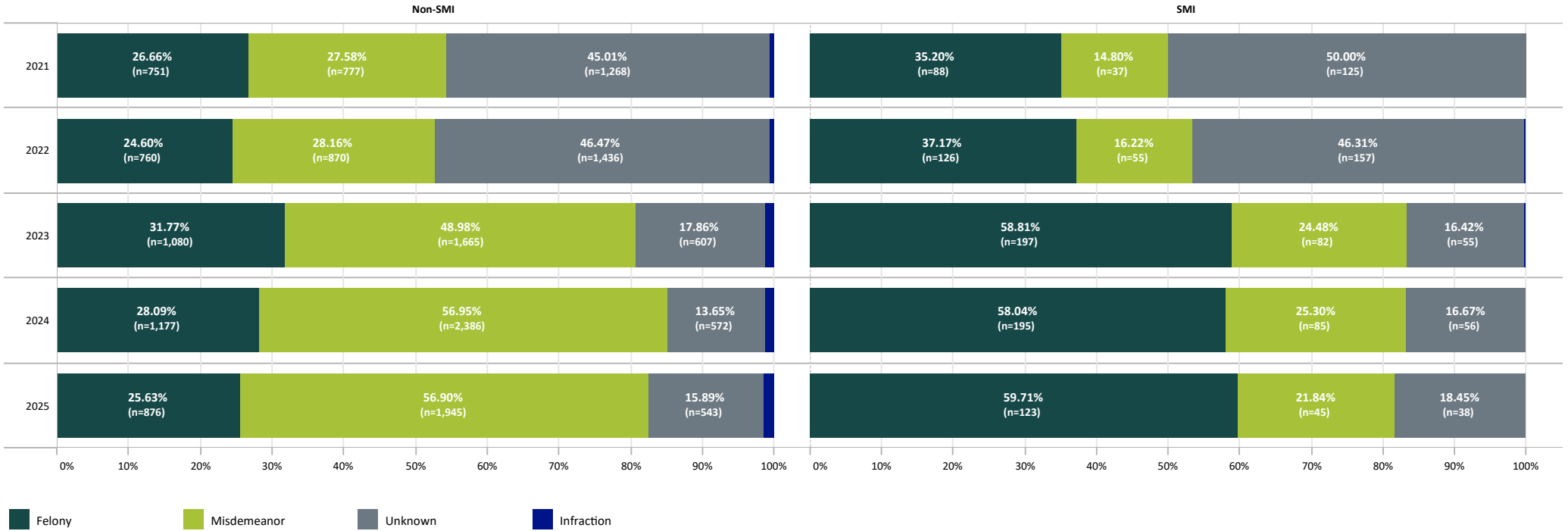
- These may be unique or repeat bookings/individuals.
- The data *source* for these metrics was updated in Q3 of CY 2025, and is currently based on highest charge booking data provided by the Sarpy County Department of Corrections. Individuals in this metric do not have any higher charges than a Misdemeanor.
- This metric previously focused on the arresting law enforcement agency; however, it was noted at Stepping Up meetings that the Sarpy County Sheriff's Office will be disproportionately reflected in these booking numbers, as they are the only law enforcement agency to make arrests at the Sarpy County Courthouse.
- These numbers may also be impacted by warrants, citations, sanctions, or commitments based on new charges for existing releases. Any factor that may result in a "repeat" booking on the same charge could influence these metrics.



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Percent of Bookings by Highest Charge Class and Year



Measure:	Definition:	Data Source:	Review Frequency:
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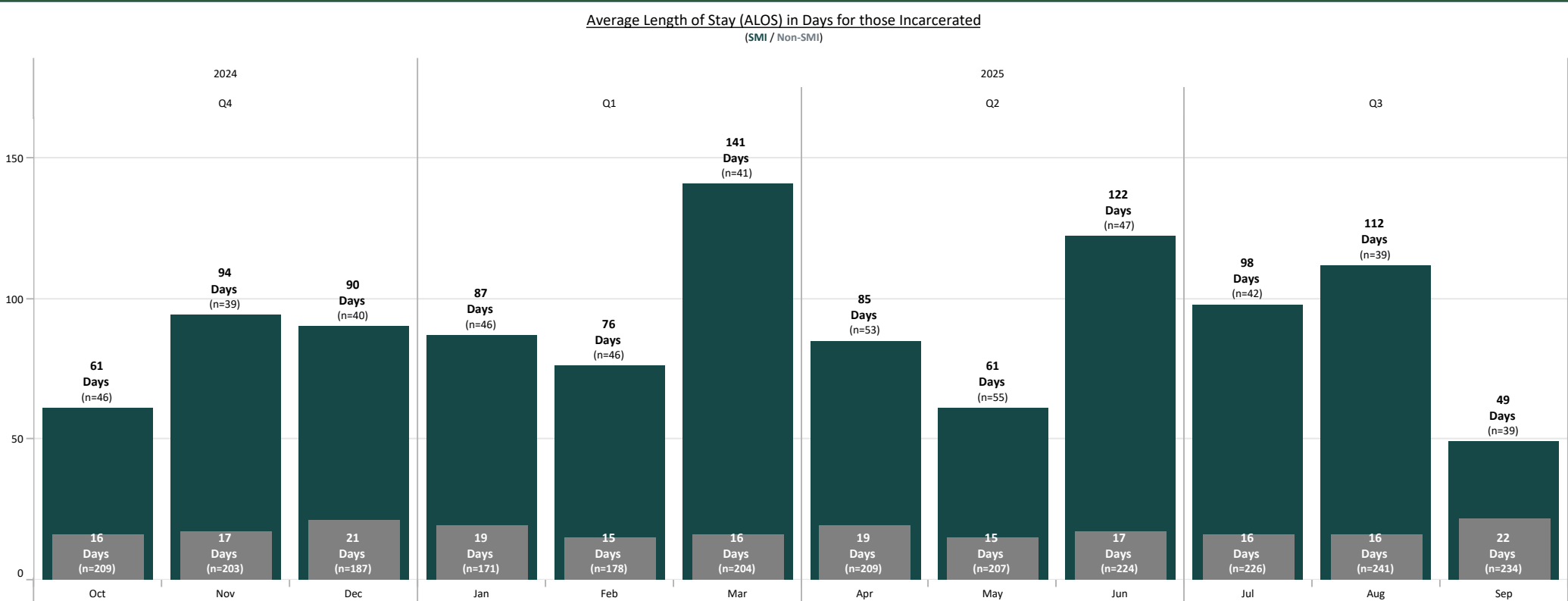
Analysis/Notes:

- Focusing on the highest charge type for each booking, there are significant differences between the SMI and non-SMI populations. So far in CY 2025, 25.63% of non-SMI bookings were associated with a felony charge, while 56.90% were associated with a misdemeanor. In contrast, the SMI population was primarily booked on felonies, with 59.71% of bookings reported as felonies, and only 21.84% of bookings reported as misdemeanors.
- These numbers may also be impacted by warrants, citations, sanctions, or commitments based on new charges for existing releases. Any factor that may result in a "repeat" booking on the same charge could influence these metrics.
- Differences in charge type could also help explain differences in the average length of stay (ALOS) for those being booked, but may create additional complications around recidivism rates for this population.

Goal 2	Shorten the Average Length of Stay for People with a Serious Mental Illness (SMI) in Jail Set, Measure, Achieve Target = 68 Days or Less		
	Strategy	Status/Target	Notes/Updates
Objective 1:	100% of Corrections Officers will Complete Training in CIT and/or, MHFA, or Both.		
a.	Review CIT and/or CRIT and MHFA training data for Correctional Officers at the Sarpy County Jail, develop strategies as needed.	Ongoing	
Objective 2:	Collect and Analyze Mental Health Diversion and Mental Health Pre-Trial Data.		
a.	Collect and review baseline data; identify opportunities; establish benchmarks and/or targets.	Ongoing	
Objective 3:	Utilize Data and Best Practices to Drive Improvements with Competency to Stand Trial / Competency Restoration (CST/CR) Processes.		
a.	Form a workgroup to identify opportunities to develop a “CST/CR Guidelines” document to be used by County Attorney’s Office, Public Defender’s Office, Lincoln Regional Center, and the Bench.	Completed Have not shared with Judges as of yet	



Goal 2: Shorten the Average Length of Stay (ALOS) for People with a Serious Mental Illness (SMI) in Jail



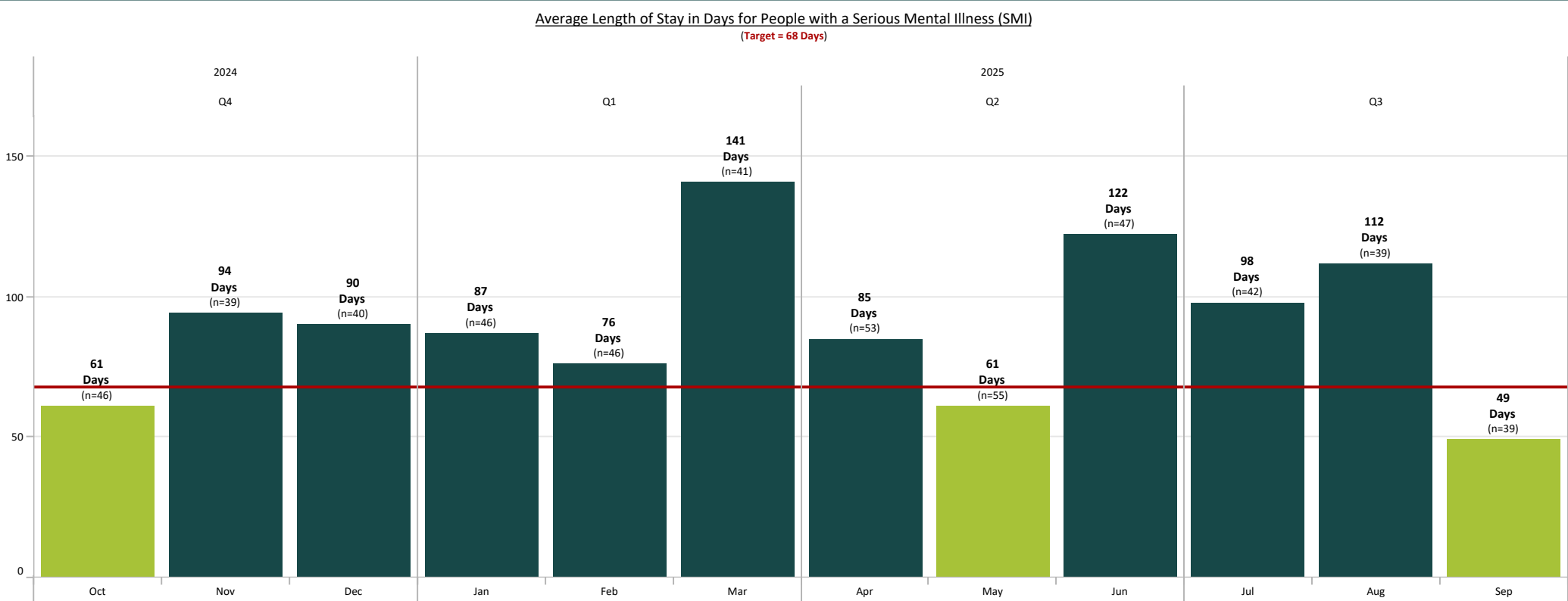
Measure:	Definition:	Data Source:	Review Frequency:
The average length of stay (ALOS) for people with a serious mental illness (SMI) vs. the average length of stay for the general population	By month	Jo Martin Sarpy County Department of Corrections	Quarterly

Analysis/Notes:

- The average length of stay for people with a serious mental illness continues to far exceed the length of stay for those in the general population.
- Due to how the data is currently reported, outliers are not able to be identified at this time, and data cannot be accurately aggregated into quarters or calendar years. Region 6 is currently exploring feasibility of parsing jail release data to identify specific outliers and causes for this metric to continue showing discrepancies between populations.



Goal 2: Shorten the Average Length of Stay (ALOS) for People with a Serious Mental Illness (SMI) in Jail



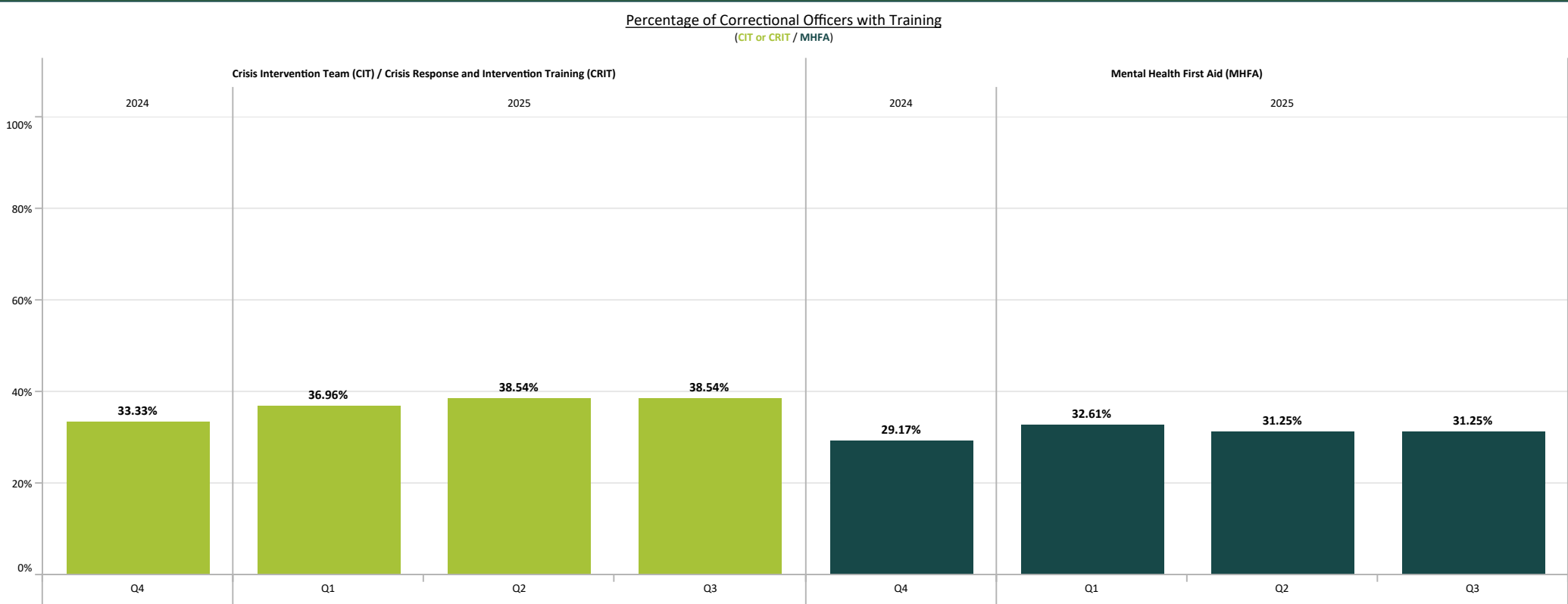
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The average length of stay (ALOS) for people with a serious mental illness (SMI) vs. the average length of stay for the general population	By month	Jo Martin Sarpy County Department of Corrections	Quarterly

- Analysis/Notes:
- A new target of 68 days was set in CY 2025. This target is based on a 5% reduction in the *average* of monthly booking averages for CY 2024. This target will be reset each calendar year to maintain consistency with the jail and current populations.
 - Previous targets have moved from 106 days down to 94 days, now to 68 days in CY 2025.
 - With the establishment of the new target of 68 days, the Sarpy County Jail has been at or below their target three (3) of the last twelve (12) rolling months, or 25% of represented months.
 - The average length of stay for people with a serious mental illness continues to far exceed the length of stay for those in the general population.
 - Due to how the data is currently reported, outliers are not able to be identified at this time, and data cannot be accurately aggregated into quarters or calendar years.



Goal 2: Shorten the Average Length of Stay (ALOS) for People with a Serious Mental Illness (SMI) in Jail

Objective 1: 100% of Corrections Officers will Complete Training in Crisis Intervention Teams (CIT)/Crisis Response and Intervention Training (CRIT), Mental Health First Aid (MHFA), or Both



Measure:	Definition:	Data Source:	Review Frequency:
The total number of correctional officers with Crisis Intervention Team (CIT)/Crisis Response and Intervention Training (CRIT) and/or Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) training / Total number of correctional officers	By quarter	Jo Martin Sarpy County Department of Corrections	Quarterly

Analysis/Notes:

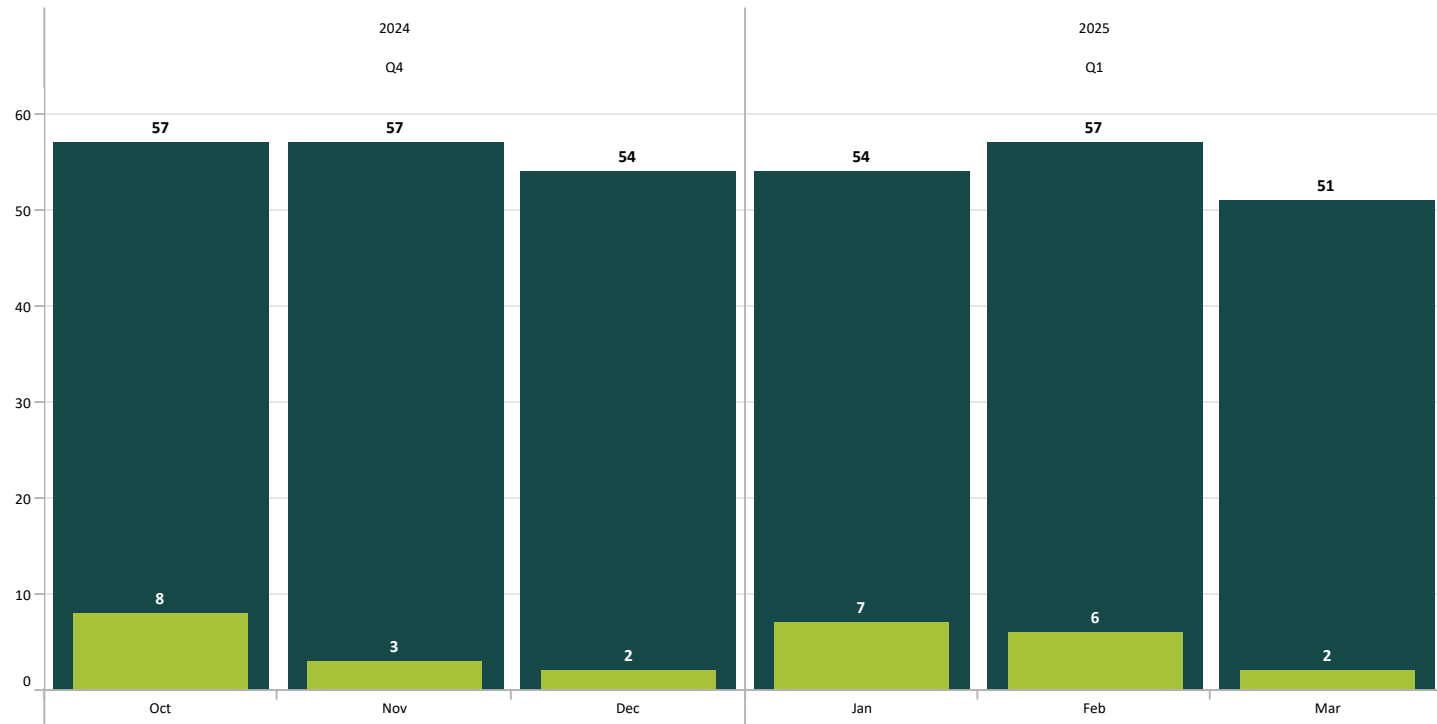
- This is point in time data gathered at the end of the period of review.
- Recertification for MHFA is required every 3 years.



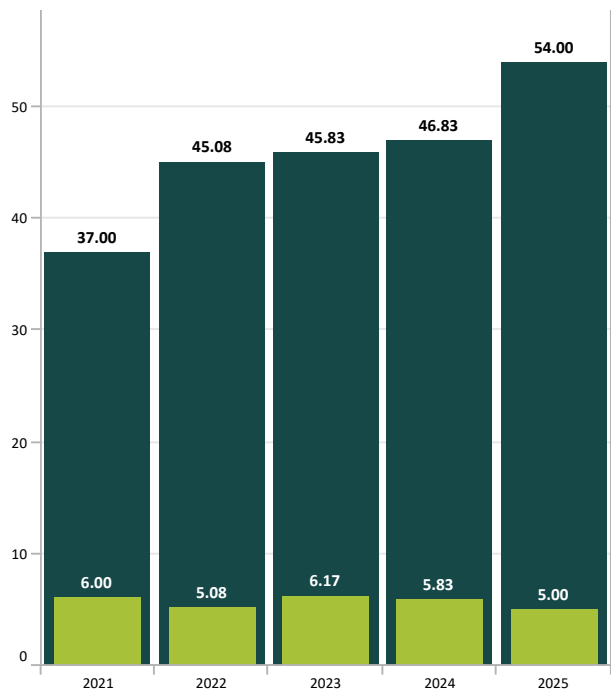
Goal 2: Shorten the Average Length of Stay (ALOS) for People with a Serious Mental Illness (SMI) in Jail

Objective 2: Collect and Analyze Mental Health Diversion Data

Active Clients with, and Referrals Made to Mental Health Diversion
(Active Clients / Referrals)



Monthly Average of Active Clients with, and Referrals Made to Mental Health Diversion by Year
(Active Clients / Referrals)



Measure:	Definition:	Data Source:	Review Frequency:
The total number of people active in mental health diversion and the number of new referrals received by mental health diversion by month	By month and year	Carisa Gosda Mental Health Diversion David Soto Mental Health Diversion	Quarterly

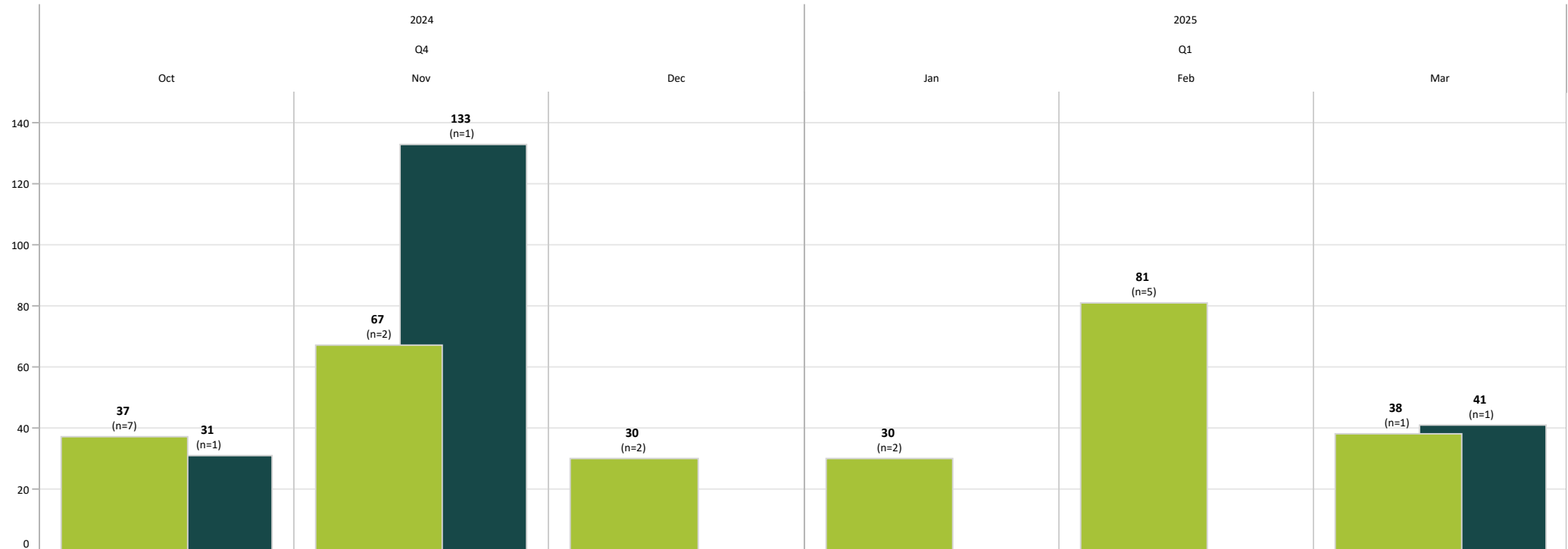
- Analysis/Notes:
- MH Diversion moved to a new system for data and reporting in CY 2025 and is working on extracting data for ongoing reports. Data represented here is indicative of the previous quarter.
 - MH Diversion referral sources, previously reported, have been removed from the packet. It was determined at the Q3 CY 2024 Stepping Up meeting that the referral sources did not provide important context to MH Diversion metrics, as most persons are referred internally from Diversion to MH Diversion.
 - MH Diversion has reported that the number and severity/acuity of needs for MH clients has been increasing over the last calendar year.



Goal 2: Shorten the Average Length of Stay (ALOS) for People with a Serious Mental Illness (SMI) in Jail

Objective 2: Collect and Analyze Mental Health Diversion Data

Average Number of Days from Arrest Until a Referral is made to Mental Health Diversion by Referral Source
(Diversion / County Attorney)



Measure:	Definition:	Data Source:	Review Frequency:
The average number of days from a person's date of arrest to the date a referral is made to mental health diversion	By month	Carisa Gosda Mental Health Diversion David Soto Mental Health Diversion	Quarterly

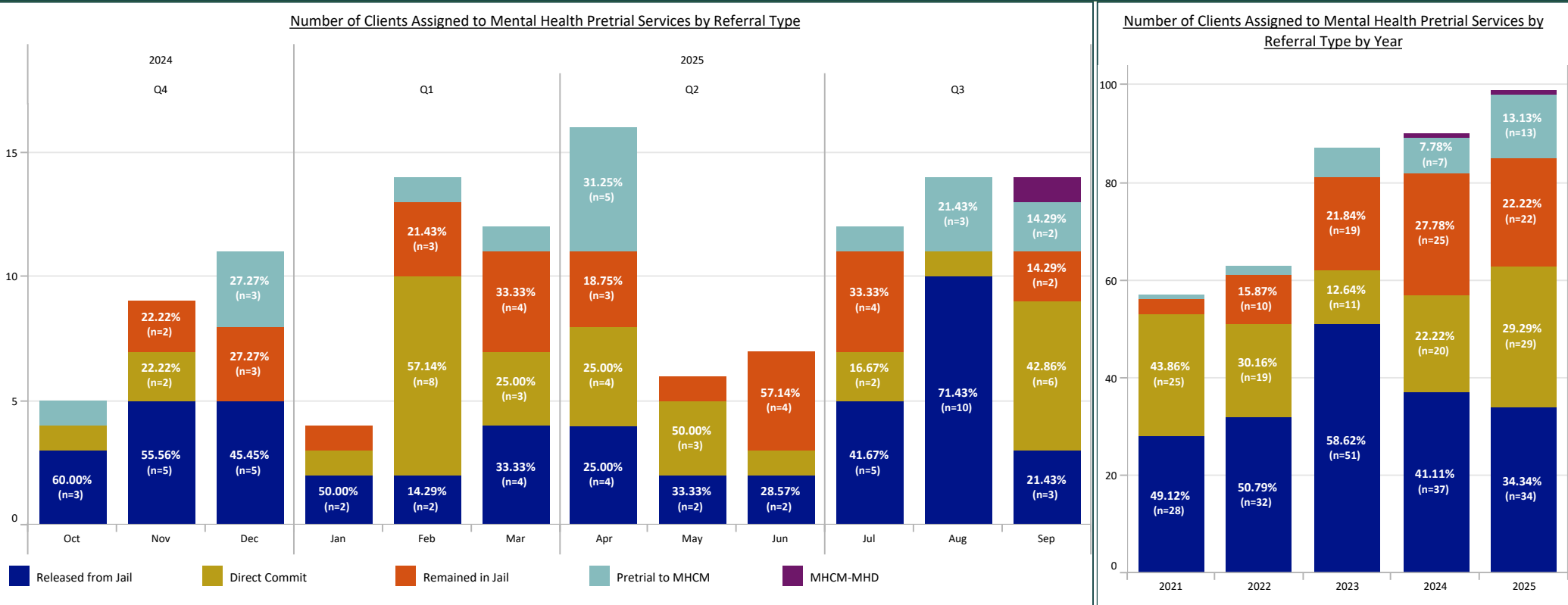
Analysis/Notes:

- MH Diversion moved to a new system for data and reporting in CY 2025 and is working on extracting data for ongoing reports. Data represented here is indicative of the previous quarter.
- Missing months in the data indicate no referrals made during that period of time OR a 0 day wait time, where applicable.
- Wellness Court may impact this data at times.
- This is impacted by a low "n" across all programs.
- Diversion to MH Diversion transfers continue to remain steady, with most referrals occurring within 2 months from arrest. Diversion continues to be the largest referral source to MH Diversion at this time.



Goal 2: Shorten the Average Length of Stay (ALOS) for People with a Serious Mental Illness (SMI) in Jail

Objective 2: Collect and Analyze Mental Health Pretrial Data



Measure:	Definition:	Data Source:	Review Frequency:
The total number of people referred to mental health pretrial by referral type and month	By month and year	Ashlie Weisbrodt Mental Health Pretrial Caley Hartner Mental Health Pretrial	Quarterly

Analysis/Notes:

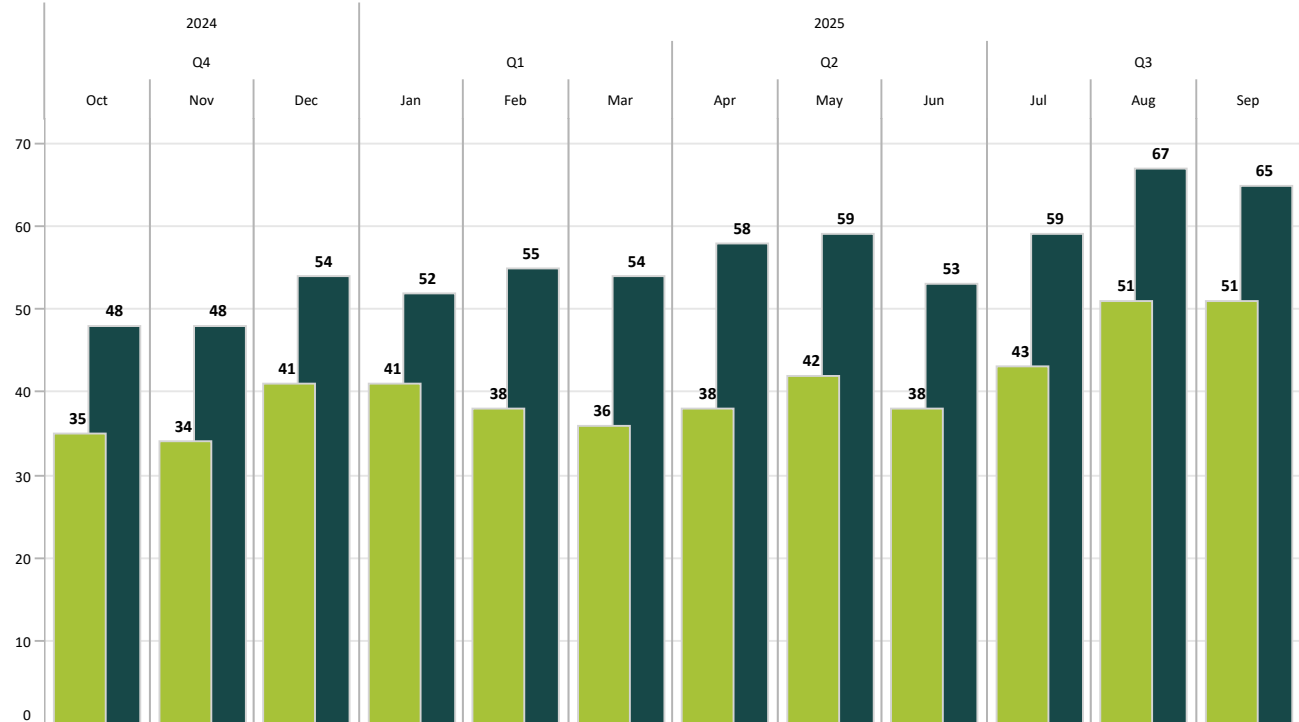
- As of Q3 of CY 2025, the total number of clients assigned to Mental Health Pretrial has surpassed the total number of assigned clients in the previous calendar year. Mental Health Pretrial has continued to see increases in assignments to the program over the last several years, with Direct Commitments accounting for 29.29% of assignments in CY 2025, and assignments where the client remained in jail at 22.22% for the year.
- Additional FTE added in CY 2024.



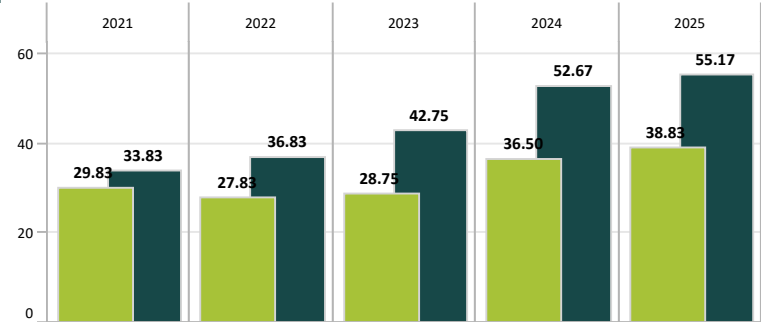
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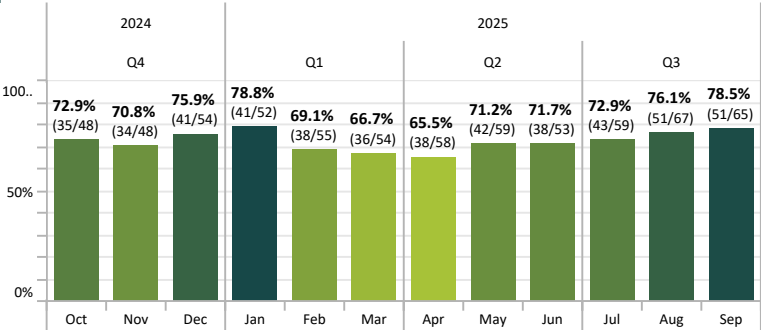
Assigned and Active Clients for Mental Health Pretrial by Month
(Assigned / Active and Participating)



Average Number of Assigned and Active Clients by Year
(Assigned / Active and Participating)



Average Participating out of Assigned



Measure:	Definition:	Data Source:	Review Frequency:
The total number of active and assigned clients in mental health pretrial by month	By month and year	Ashlie Weisbrodt Mental Health Pretrial Caley Hartner Mental Health Pretrial	Quarterly

Analysis/Notes:

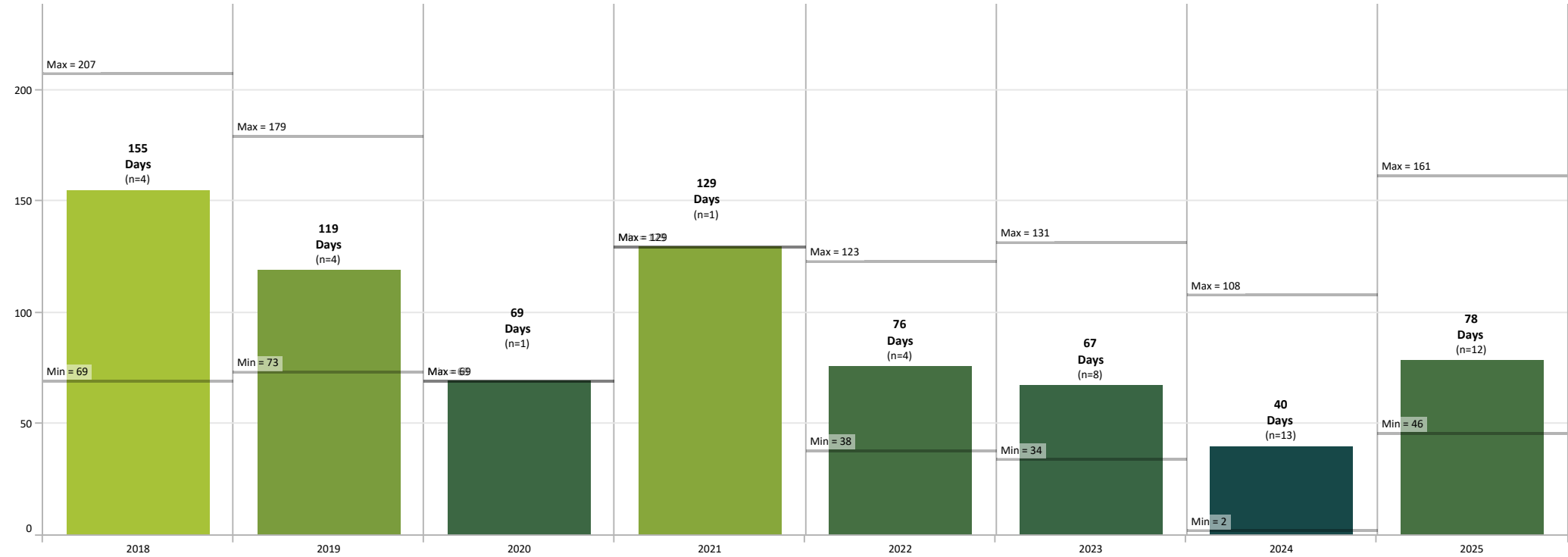
- Preferred active caseload is 23 clients per worker.
- The average number of assigned and participating clients continues to grow year over year for Mental Health Pretrial. The last quarter also saw increases in the total number of Mental Health Pretrial clients that were active and participating over those assigned as well, with 78.5% of all assigned clients being worked with.
- Most assigned clients that are not participating are still in jail or on warrants.



Goal 2: Shorten the Average Length of Stay (ALOS) for People with a Serious Mental Illness (SMI) in Jail

Objective 3: Utilize Data and Best Practices to Drive Improvements with Competency to Stand Trial/Competency Restoration (CST/CR) Processes.

Average Number of Days Waiting in Jail for Competency Restoration at LRC by Year of Court Order



Measure:	Definition:	Data Source:	Review Frequency:
The average number of jail days for persons waiting to receive restorative treatment at the Lincoln Regional Center (LRC) by year of court order	By year	Jo Martin Sarpy County Jail	Quarterly

Analysis/Notes:

- n is the number of people court ordered in said year (not the year they transferred to LRC) and waiting to access LRC for competency treatment by year.
- LRC has replaced their missing FTE from CY 2025, and the current hope is that the average wait times for individuals will begin to decrease again.
- Does not include outpatient competency restoration.

Goal 3		Increase the Percentage of Connection to Care for People with a Serious Mental Illness (SMI) in Jail	
	Strategy	Status/Target	Notes/Updates
Objective 1:	Ensure all eligible individuals with a Serious Mental Illness (SMI) Receive a Re-Entry Plan (Jail) or a Case Plan (Public Defender's Office) Completed Prior to Release.		
a.	Revising current metric to better capture information re. individuals with an SMI leaving jail.	In Development	
b.	Understand why those with a SMI who were eligible to receive Re-Entry/Case Plan did not receive a plan; develop strategies.	In Process	
Objective 2:	The Jail will Provide Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) to those Individuals that are Clinically Appropriate.		
a.	Do we want to collect this data?		
Objective 3:	Monitor implementation of LB921; Medicaid Enrollment, Assistance to Those Incarcerated.		
a.	Collect and review baseline data on the number of Medicaid applications being completed and submitted while individuals are incarcerated.	Ongoing	
Objective 4:	Eligible inmates will receive Assessment and Reentry Services as is federally required.		
a.	Sarpy County Jail will provide updates on MCO's implementation of Section 5121 of the CAA to the team.	Ongoing	



Goal 3: Increase the Percentage of Connection to Care for People with a Serious Mental Illness (SMI) in Jail

Objective 1: Ensure all Eligible Individuals with a Serious Mental Illness (SMI) Receive a Re-Entry Plan (Jail) or a Case Plan (Public Defender's Office) Completed Prior to Release

New Dataset in Development

Measure:	Definition:	Data Source:	Review Frequency:
		<p>Ashley Berg Sarpy County Public Defender's Office - Social Work</p> <p>Christy Barge Sarpy County Department of Corrections - Re-Entry</p>	<p>Quarterly</p>

Analysis/Notes:
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Goal 3: Increase the Percentage of Connection to Care for People with a Serious Mental Illness (SMI) in Jail

Objective 2: The Jail will Provide Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) to those Individuals that are Clinically Appropriate

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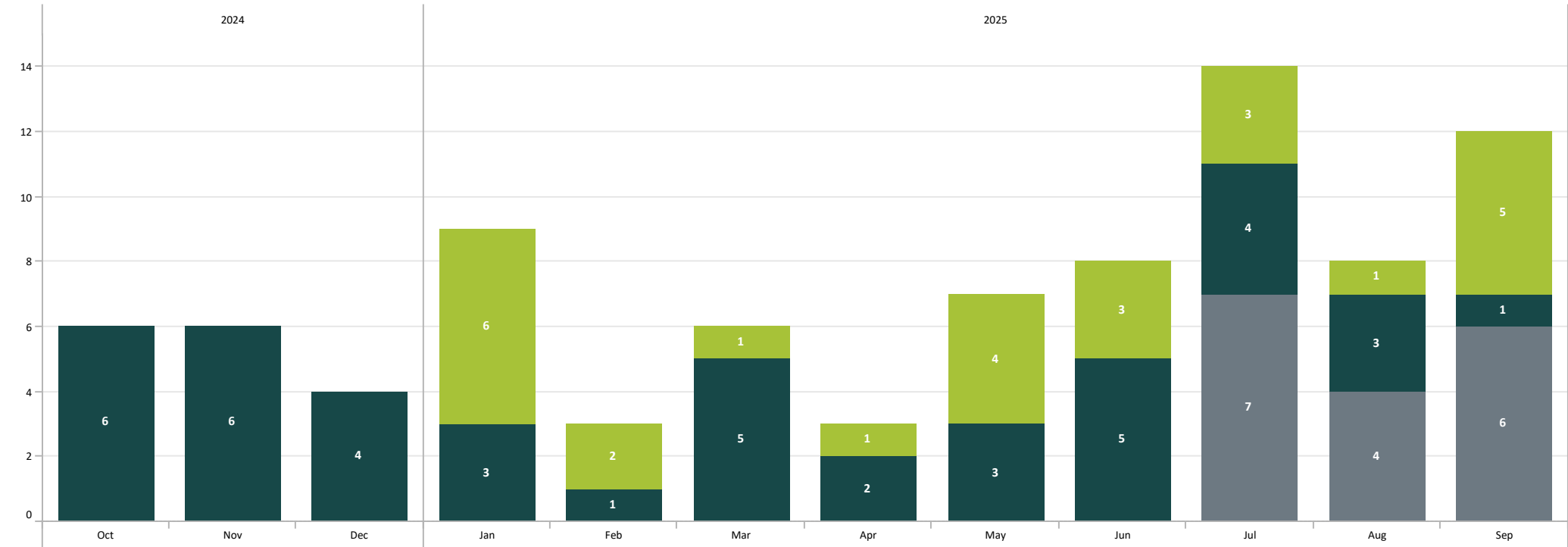
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Goal 3: Increase the Percentage of Connection to Care for People with a Serious Mental Illness (SMI) in Jail

Objective 3: Monitor the Implementation of LB921; Medicaid Enrollment, Assistance to those Incarcerated

Number of Medicaid Status Checks/Reactivations and Applications by Re-Entry
(Applications / Status Checks & Reactivations / Medicaid Assistance)



Measure:	Definition:	Data Source:	Review Frequency:
The total number of Medicaid applications, Medicaid status checks, and Medicaid reactivations completed by month	Medicaid applications include all applications made by/on behalf of persons, and is not specific to those with a serious mental illness	Christy Barge Sarpy County Department of Corrections - Re-Entry	Quarterly

Analysis/Notes:

- This number is for the entire jail population, not only persons with a serious mental illness.
- A new category of "Medicaid Assistance" was added to highlight additional work done by Re-Entry staff on checking and securing Medicaid for those in jail.

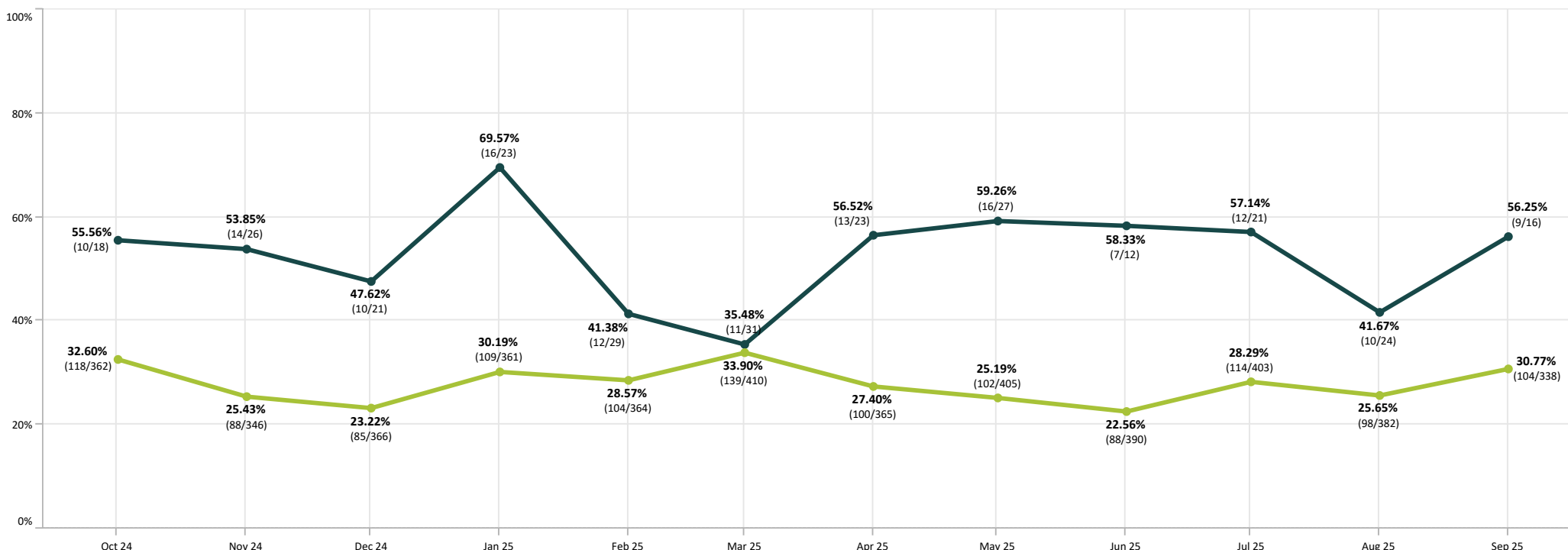
Goal 4	Lower the Rates of Recidivism for Individuals with a Serious Mental Illness (SMI) who are in Jail		
	Set, Measure, Achieve Target = 49.5 or Less		
	Strategy	Status/Target	Notes/Updates
Objective 1:	Utilize Specialized Transition Planning (STP) via Emergency Community Support to Decrease Recidivism.		
a.	Explore funding for STP beyond 90 Days.	Paused	
Objective 2:	Utilize Long-Acting Injectables (LAI) when Clinically Appropriate.		
a.	Collect and monitor baseline data to better understand the utilization of LAIs.	Ongoing	
Objective 3:	Provide up to 30 Days of Medication to Individuals with a Serious Mental Illness (SMI) at the Time of Release.		
a.	The Jail will identify a solution that allows individuals with a SMI to leave the jail with medication to bridge to their next medication management appointment.	Completed August 8, 2023	Jo developed contract with Gretna Community Pharmacy
Objective 4:	Use Data to Better Understand Recidivism Rate; Develop Strategies.		
a.	What else do we want to know about those that are recidivating? Does that data exist?	In Process	
b.	Utilize a team approach to staff individuals with complex needs and/or those who have recidivated to jail.		
Objective 5:	Provide Strong Re-Entry Planning for Individuals with a Serious Mental Illness (SMI).		
a.	The Jail will share the names of individuals leaving jail who would benefit from supportive contact with the Sheriff's mental health unit, who can also activate Emergency Case Manager when needed (new service from HFS).	Ongoing Initiated Sept. 2024	Christy Barge (Jail) now notifies law enforcement

- The recidivism data includes custodial sanctions (Wellness Court/Drug Court/Veterans Court) and Probation sanctions.



Goal 4: Lower the Rates of Recidivism for Individuals with a Serious Mental Illness (SMI) in Jail

Percent of Bookings per Month with a Previous Booking in the Last 12 Months
(SMI / Non-SMI)



Measure:	Definition:	Data Source:	Review Frequency:
The number of adults with a serious mental illness (SMI) who are re-booked into jail within twelve (12) months following their last booking date.	<p>By month</p> <p>Repeat bookings are calculated based on whether an individual had a previous booking with the past 365 days (12 months)</p> <p>Current metric does not separate out people who are 're-booked' due to a jail commitment, bench warrant, or custodial sanction</p>	<p>Jo Martin</p> <p>Sarpy County Department of Corrections</p>	Quarterly

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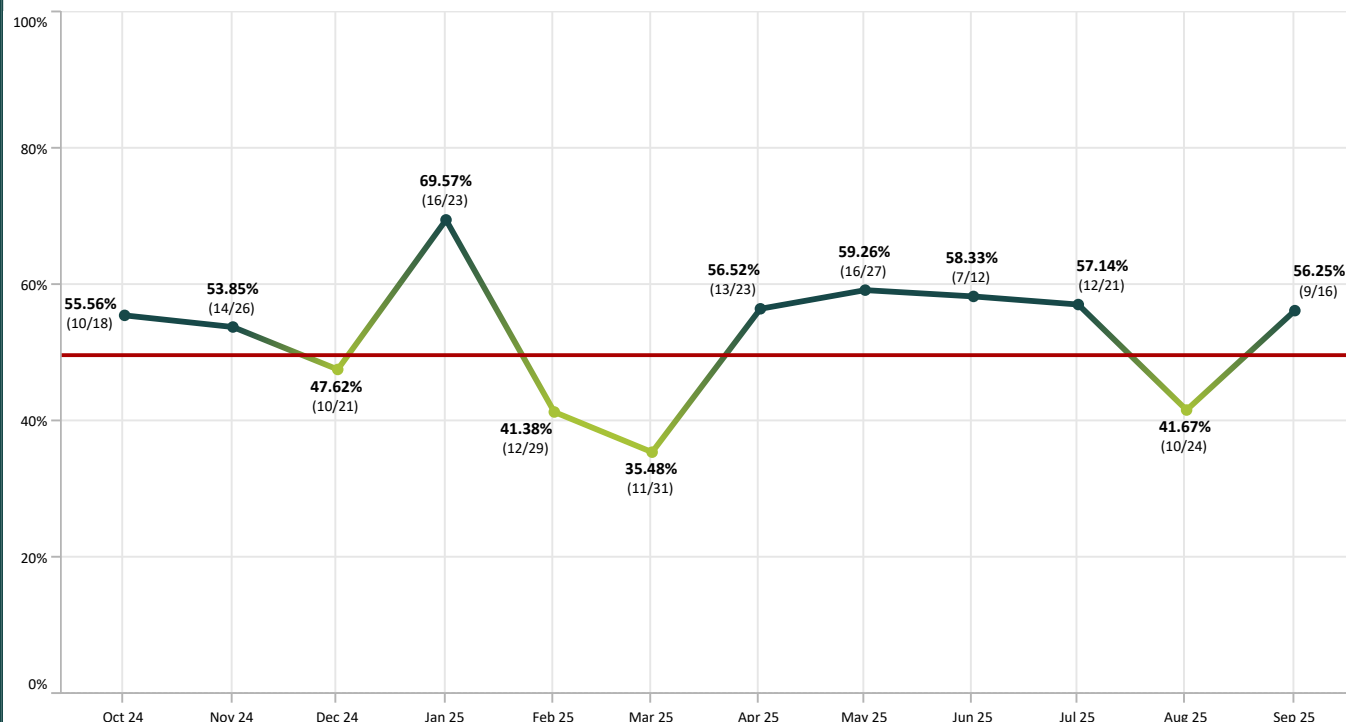
- Data collection on this metric is now reported out on through the Jail management system. Differences in this metric between quarters have been noted, and are due to this change in reporting.
- These numbers may also be impacted by warrants, citations, sanctions, or commitments based on new charges for existing releases. Any factor that may result in a "repeat" booking on the same charge could influence these metrics.



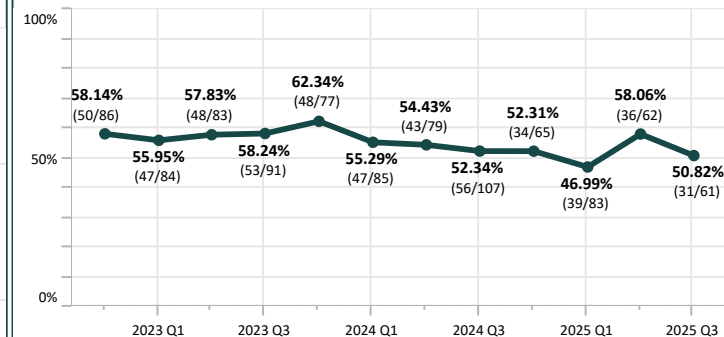
Goal 4: Lower the Rates of Recidivism for Individuals with a Serious Mental Illness (SMI) in Jail

Percent of Bookings per Month for Persons with a Serious Mental Illness (SMI) and a Previous Booking in the Last 12 Months

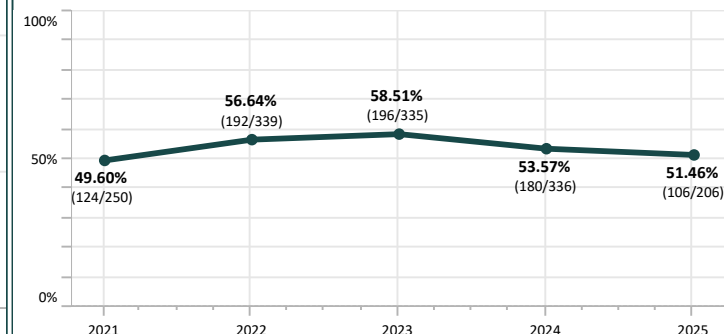
(Target = 49.57%)



Percent with Previous Bookings in Last 12 Months by Quarter



Percent with Previous Bookings in Last 12 Months by Year



Measure:	Definition:	Data Source:	Review Frequency:
The number of adults with a serious mental illness (SMI) who are re-booked into jail within twelve (12) months following their last booking date.	<p>By month, quarter, and year</p> <p>Repeat bookings are calculated based on whether an individual had a previous booking with the past 365 days (12 months)</p> <p>Current metric does not separate out people who are 're-booked' due to a jail commitment, bench warrant, or custodial sanction</p>	<p>Jo Martin</p> <p>Sarpy County Department of Corrections</p>	Quarterly

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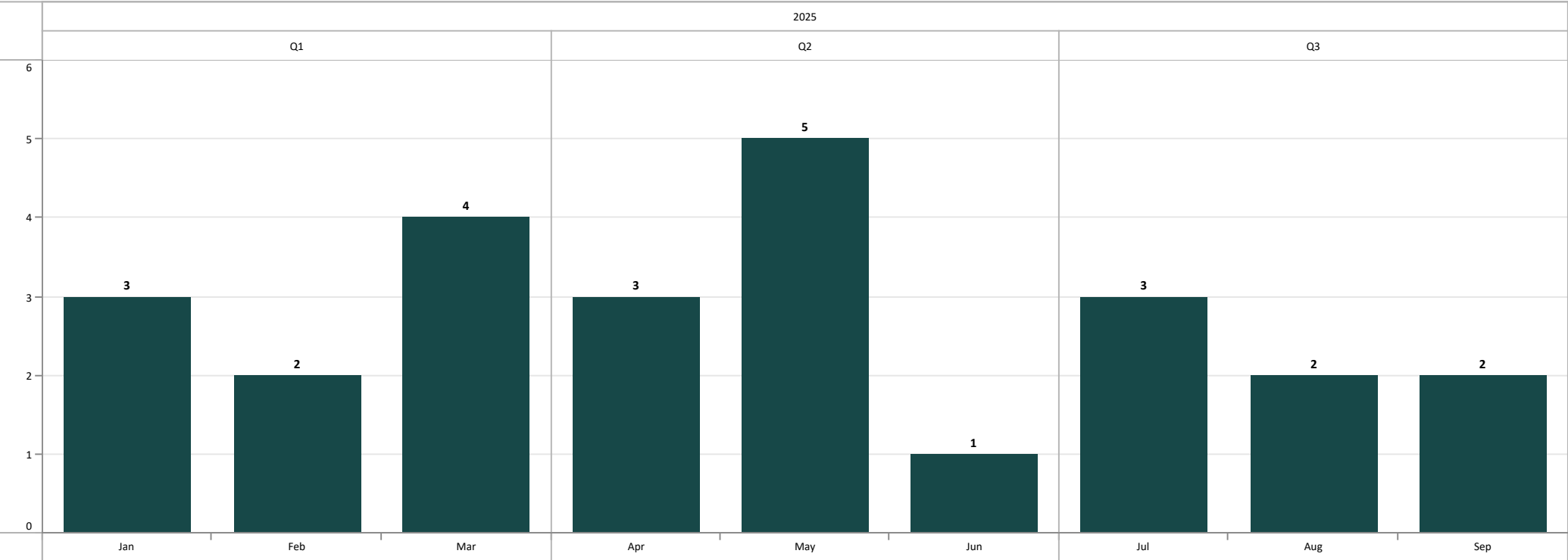
- Data collection on this metric is now reported out on through the Jail management system. Differences in this metric between quarters have been noted, and are due to this change in reporting.
- Due to this new reporting, we are now able to look back at quarterly and yearly averages more effectively. Across currently collected data, recidivism for the SMI population peaked in CY 2023 at 58.51% of bookings of persons with a serious mental illness having had a previous booking within the last twelve (12) months. So far in CY 2025, this number is at 51.46% of SMI bookings having had a previous booking within the last twelve (12) months.
- These numbers may also be impacted by warrants, citations, sanctions, or commitments based on new charges for existing releases. Any factor that may result in a "repeat" booking on the same charge could influence these metrics.



Goal 4: Lower the Rates of Recidivism for Individuals with a Serious Mental Illness (SMI) in Jail

Objective 2: Utilize Long-Acting Injectables (LAI) when Clinically Appropriate

Number of Long-Acting Injectable (LAI) Administrations



Measure:	Definition:	Data Source:	Review Frequency:
The number of adults with a serious mental illness (SMI) who received a long-acting injectable (LAI) during their incarceration.	By month	Jo Martin Sarpy County Department of Corrections	Quarterly

Analysis/Notes:

- Data collection on this metric resumed in CY 2025.



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