

HB312 - Statewide Jail Capacity & Repeat Misdemeanor Offenders

*8696 Jail Beds Statewide

*Corrections contracts for around 1600 jail beds,
none in Salt Lake County

In Utah overcrowding release decisions are made by a Sheriff, not a Judge.

Other release decisions are not included in the statistics found in the following slides:

- Pretrial
- Bail or other monetary condition
- Release on own recognizance

In 2023, Salt Lake County Jail released:

- 4017 out of around 28,090 bookings:
 - 1536 Felonies
 - 2481 Misdemeanors

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Jail Releases for Overcrowded Release

Release Reason	Nov '22 - Oct '23			
	Number	Percent of Releases	Avg LOS (days)	Calculated ADP
Overcrowded Release	4,017	14.30%	0.4	4
Most Serious Charge				
Violent Felony	73	0.018	0.3	---
Drug Felony	486	0.121	0.3	
Theft/Property Felony	855	0.213	0.3	
Other Felony	122	0.03	0.3	
Violent Misdemeanor	279	0.069	0.4	
Non-Violent Misdemeanor	2,202	0.548	0.4	
Total	4,017	100.00%	0.4	

Source: Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office

2024 Overcrowd Releases

Charge Type	Number Released	Average Days	Bed Days Needed to Cover
Total	3,947	156	272,255
Felony 3	964	93	89,652
Misdemeanor A	1,633	57	93,081
Misdemeanor B	1,187	61	72,407
Misdemeanor C	163	105	17,115

In 2024, Salt Lake County Jail released:

- 3947 out of 29,436 bookings:
 - 964 felony offenses
 - 1633 misdemeanor A offenses
 - 1350 other misdemeanor offenses

HB312 - Overcrowding Releases Prohibited for:

(4)Before releasing an individual due to overcrowding, a sheriff shall, consistent with the requirements of Subsection (5), contract with another county jail to house an individual who:

(a)is arrested or convicted of a violent criminal offense as defined in Section 76-3-203.10;

(b)is arrested or convicted of a drug offense that is a felony;

(c)is arrested or convicted of possession of any composition or mixture, including pills, that contains 100 grams or more of fentanyl or a fentanyl-related substance;

(d)is arrested or convicted of an offense of driving under the influence or driving with a measurable controlled substance in the body, if the offense results in death or serious bodily injury to an individual;

(e)has been arrested or convicted of another crime within the 30-day period immediately preceding the date of the arrest or conviction;

(f)has been arrested or charged with a crime that:

(i)classifies the individual as a habitual offender as defined in Section 77-18-102; or

(ii)will classify the individual as a habitual offender under Section 77-18-102 if the individual is convicted of the crime; or

(g)has an outstanding warrant for failing, without just cause, to appear at a time and place that was ordered as a condition of pretrial release.

Options to Increase Salt County Jail Capacity:

- Fully Open Oxbow - 184
- Vacate CRU - 64
- Expand Ankle Monitor - 50
- Federal Marshall's - 200
- Jail Contract - 100

TOTAL - 598

**Total bed days gained:
165,270**

Options to Increase Bed Availability in Salt Lake County Jail

Options are listed in order of preference with the most viable and impactful solutions at the top.

Option	Beds Gained	Annual Bed Days Gained	Requirements to Implement	Cost
1. Fully Open Oxbow	184	67,160	Funding and staffing to open and operate	\$250,000 (one-time); \$6.1M (ongoing)
2. Vacate Competency Restoration Unit	64	23,360	Collaboration with State Hospital on exit strategy	Loss of \$1.5M annually (13 FTEs)
3. Expand Ankle Monitor Program	50	18,250		
4. Limit Federal Holds to 100	50 to 75	18,250 to 27,375	Collaboration with federal partners; manage high-risk detainees	Loss of \$1.35M to \$2.05M (at \$74/day); Loss of \$2.74M to \$4.1M (at \$150/day) *
5. Contract with Other Jails	100	36,500	Securing contracts	\$4.7M (per 100 beds at \$130/bed/day)

*The Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office is negotiating to increase the per diem rate for housing federal detainees from \$74 to \$150 per day. Federal detainees often pose significant public safety risks, and limiting federal holds may lead to increased challenges in managing these individuals.

Active Project	Beds Gained	Annual Bed Days	Status
Complete Construction Projects at Metro Jail	128	46,720	Construction is currently underway and expected to be completed within 6 to 12 months.

High Frequency Misdemeanor Offenders in SLC in 2024:

25 (19 men and 6 women) top repeat offenders committed 493 offenses in Salt Lake City last year.

- 294 total jail bookings
- 199 misdemeanor citations

TOP REPEAT ARREST OFFENDERS

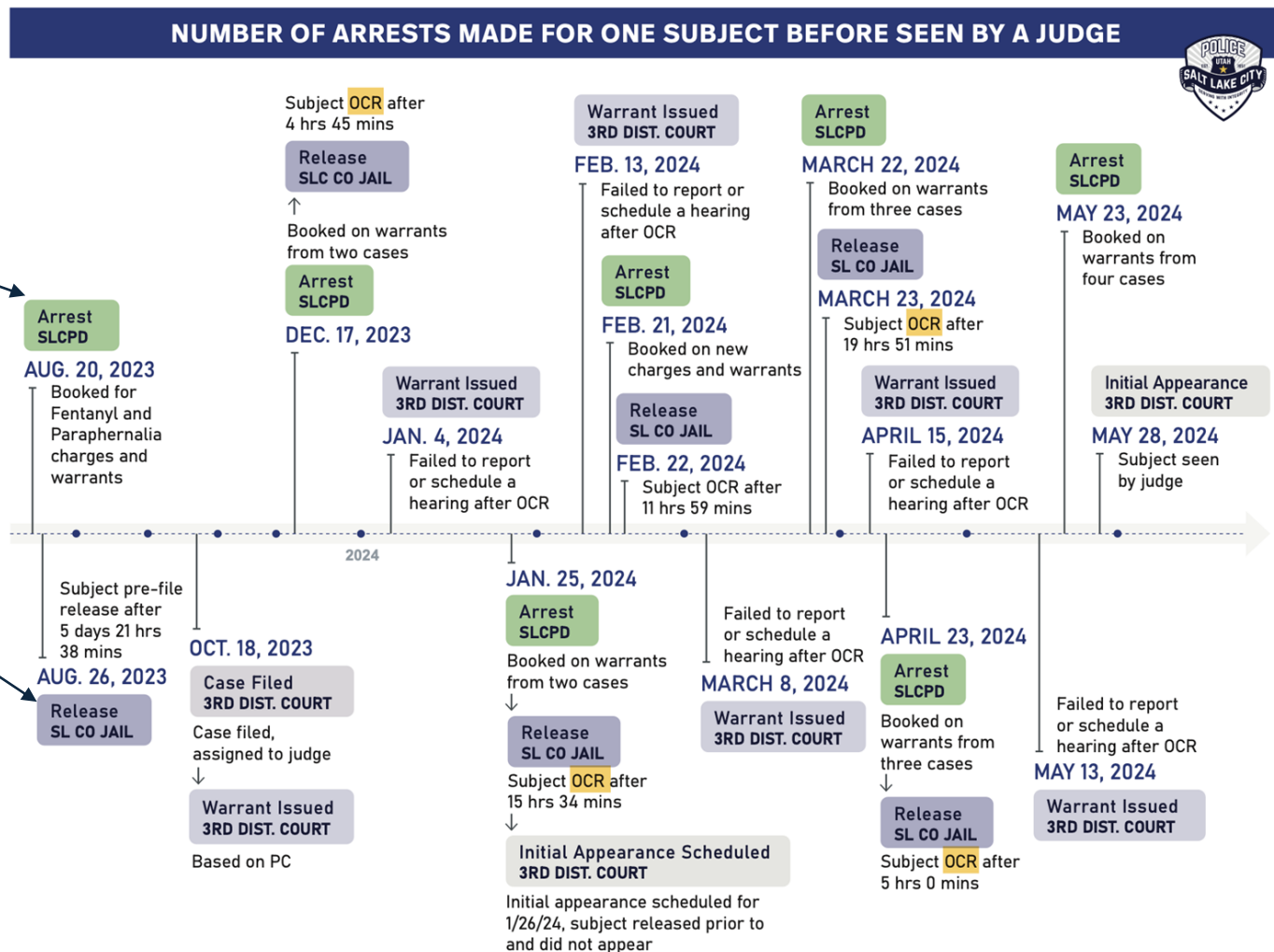


The following table shows the top repeat offenders arrested (either through jail booking or citation) in 2024.

GENDER	AGE	TOTAL JAIL BOOKINGS	TOTAL MISDEMEANOR CITATIONS	TOTAL ARRESTS
♂	28	29	3	32
♀	44	17	13	30
♂	40	4	22	26
♂	45	17	8	25
♀	29	9	15	24
♀	51	15	7	22
♂	38	16	6	22
♂	54	8	13	21
♂	51	17	3	20
♂	27	10	10	20
♂	45	12	7	19
♂	38	7	11	18
♂	19	11	7	18
♂	41	9	8	17
♀	36	7	10	17
♂	27	11	6	17
♂	45	6	11	17
♂	30	9	8	17
♂	43	13	3	16
♂	39	10	6	16
♀	42	13	3	16
♂	56	12	4	16
♂	39	7	9	16
♀	62	14	2	16
♂	42	9	6	15

Case Study

Over 9 months, this individual was arrested and booked into Salt Lake County jail 7 times on multiple charges and released for overcrowding 6 times without seeing a judge. Unfortunately, this is not unusual.



Case Study

Over 6 months, this individual was arrested 20 times.

REPEAT OFFENDER EXAMPLE - 2024

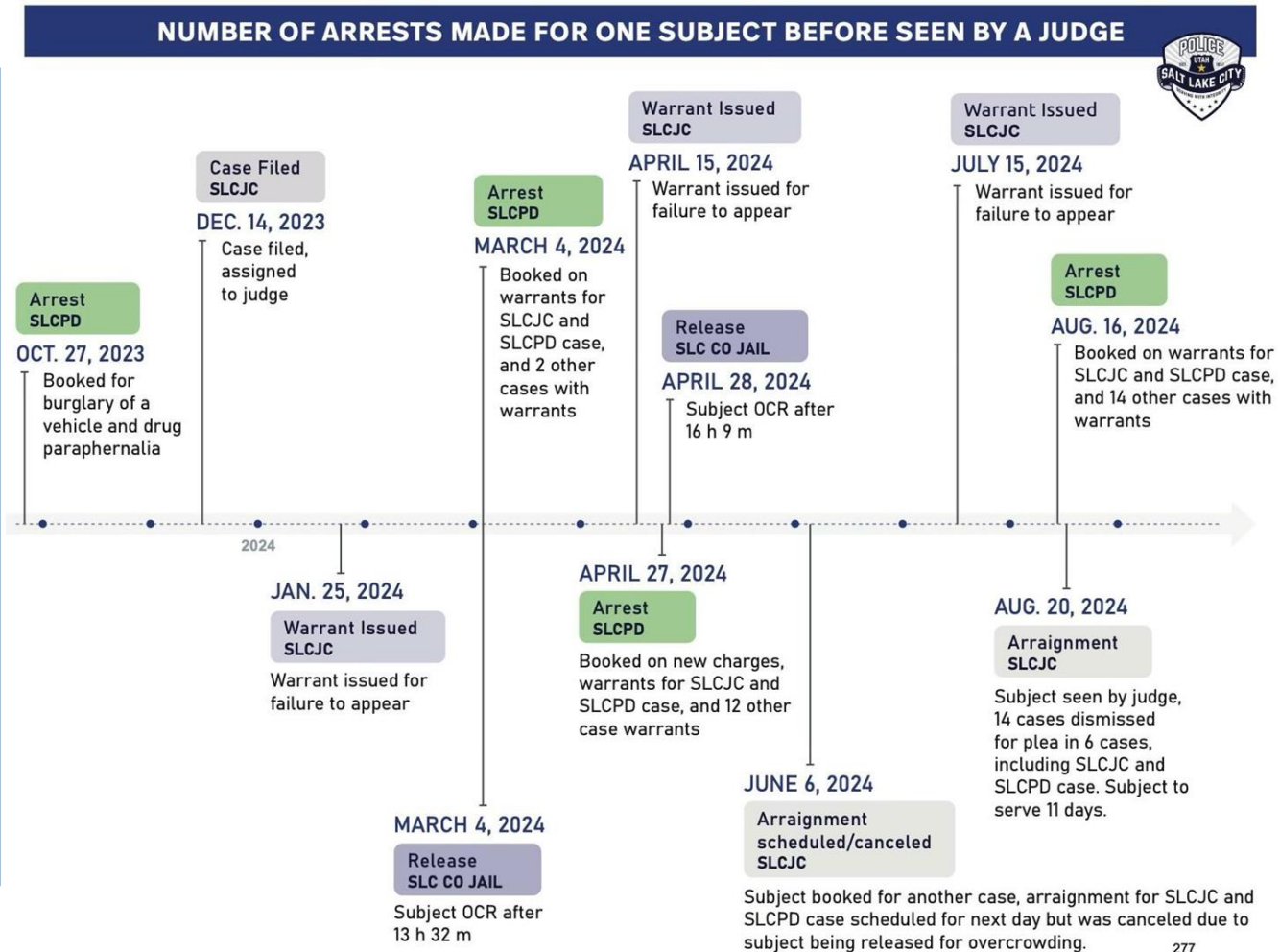


2024

- JANUARY 8** • Arrested for felony commercial obstruction
- JANUARY 15** • Arrested for criminal trespassing, failure to disclose ID, drug paraphernalia
- JANUARY 30** • Arrested by South Salt Lake Police
- FEBRUARY 9** • Arrested for interfering with a peace officer
- FEBRUARY 12** • Arrested for criminal trespassing
- MARCH 25** • Arrested on outstanding warrants
- MARCH 28** • Arrested on outstanding warrants
- MARCH 29** • Arrested on outstanding warrants
- APRIL 19** • Arrested for criminal trespassing
- APRIL 22** • Arrested on outstanding warrants
- APRIL 26** • Arrested for drug paraphernalia lewdness, and on outstanding warrants
- MAY 31** • Arrested for failure to stop, criminal trespassing, and drug paraphernalia
- JUNE 6** • Arrested for lewdness and on outstanding warrants
- JUNE 25** • Arrested for criminal trespassing
- JUNE 26** • Arrested by South Salt Lake Police
- JUNE 27** • Arrests for abuse of chemical solvents
- JUNE 30** • Arrested for failure to stop and abuse of chemical solvents
- JULY 6** • Arrested for criminal trespassing
- JULY 14** • Arrested by South Salt Lake Police
- JULY 16** • Arrested for criminal trespassing, drug paraphernalia and on outstanding warrants

Case Study

Over 10 months, this individual was arrested and booked into Salt Lake County jail 4 times and was continually released without seeing a judge even though an arraignment was scheduled.



Breakdown of 2024 overcrowding releases in Salt Lake County:

1665 drug charges

610 larceny

428 trespassing

178 fraud

311 obstructing police

125 liquor offenses

106 sex offenses

96 assault - Class B misdemeanor

76 damaged property and forgery

68 obstructing gov

46 burglary

36 traffic

25 weapons

23 pending

17 stolen vehicles

11 hit and run

10 public order

7 public peace

6 smuggling

5 health and safety

4 prostitution

3 arson

3 family offenses

3 threats

2 kidnapping

2 moral decency

2 stolen property

1 conservation

1 tax revenue

HB312 - Habitual Offender

"Habitual offender" means an individual who:

- (a)(i) has been convicted in at least five previous cases for one or more felony offenses in each case; and
- (b)(ii) the conviction for each case referred to in Subsection (10)(a)(i) occurred within the five-year period immediately preceding the day on which the defendant is convicted of the new felony offense before the court.;
- (b)(i) has been charged with one or more felony offenses in at least nine separate cases; and
- (ii) a felony charge in each case referred to in Subsection (10)(b)(i) was issued within the five-year period immediately preceding the day on which the defendant is convicted of the new felony offense before the court;
- (c)(i) has been convicted in at least nine previous cases for one or more misdemeanor offenses in each case; and
- (ii) the conviction for each case referred to in Subsection (10)(c)(i) occurred within the three-year period immediately preceding the day on which the defendant is convicted of a new misdemeanor or felony offense before the court; or
- (d)(i) has been charged with one or more misdemeanor offenses in at least 19 separate cases; and
- (ii) a misdemeanor charge in each case referred to in Subsection (10)(d)(i) was issued within the three-year period immediately preceding the day on which the defendant is convicted of the new misdemeanor or felony offense before the court.



When cities and counties fail to provide resources and support for public safety, the impacts are not only felt by city and county residents, but statewide.

Self-Reported Homelessness Individuals in SLCo

Salt Lake County Jail

Demographics

Charges

Prior Bookings

Counts Over Time

Definitions

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Current Inmate Count

549

Average Days in Jail for Current Inmates

94

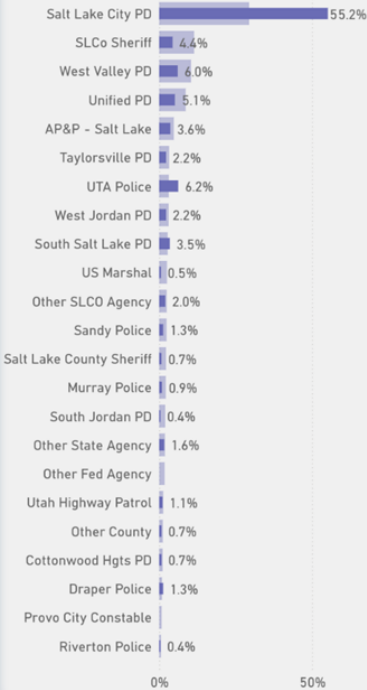
Average Days to Release (Last 30 Days)

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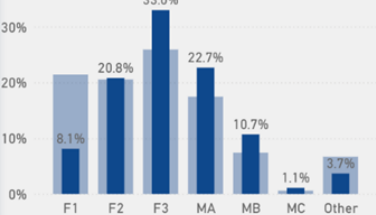
Average Prior Bookings (Last 10 Years)

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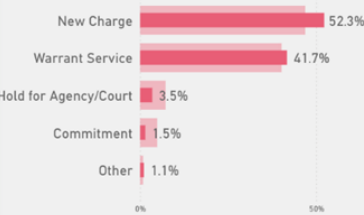
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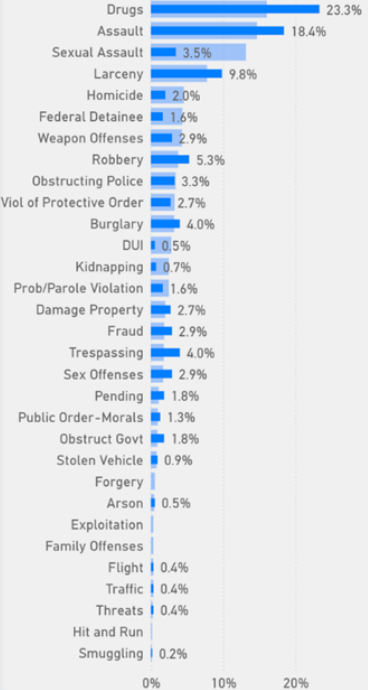
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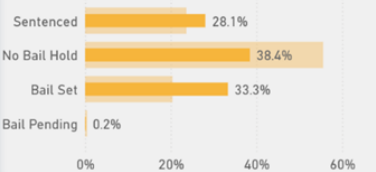
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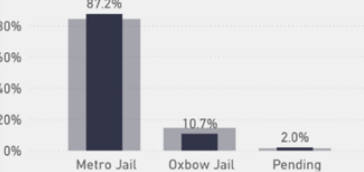
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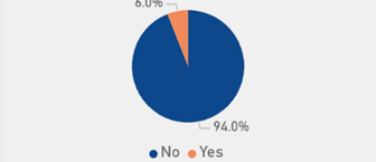
Bail Status



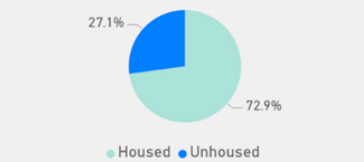
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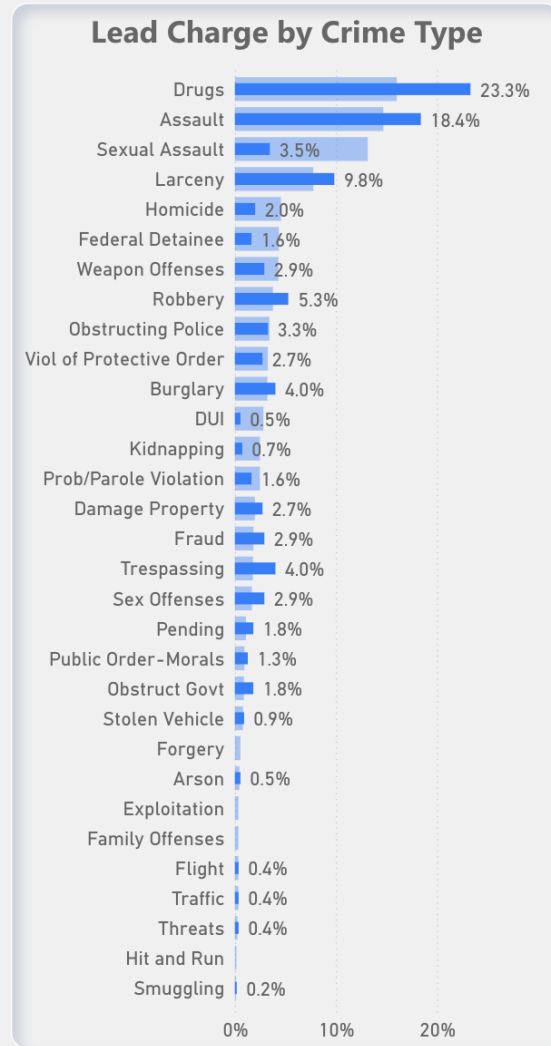
Domestic Violence: New Charge



Housing Status



Self Reported Homelessness Individuals in Salt Lake County Jail by crime:



Public Safety
should be a TOP Priority
of Utah Cities and Counties

HB312 is a shorter term solution to a serious and long standing problem. We must continue ongoing and collaborative work on this issue to ensure counties and cities prioritize public safety.