

JACKSON COUNTY JAIL CAPACITY CRISIS



PRESENTATION GOALS

- Provide a brief overview of the impact a lack of adequate jail space has on the criminal justice system.
- What we are doing moving forward.

HISTORY OF CURRENT JAIL

- Built in 1981
- Originally designed to hold 176 inmates
- Sued by inmates in 1985 for overcrowding
- Over the years and through additions our current capacity is 292 beds.
 - Working on increasing capacity to 300 with a night time maximum capacity of 315.

POSITIVES OF THE JAIL

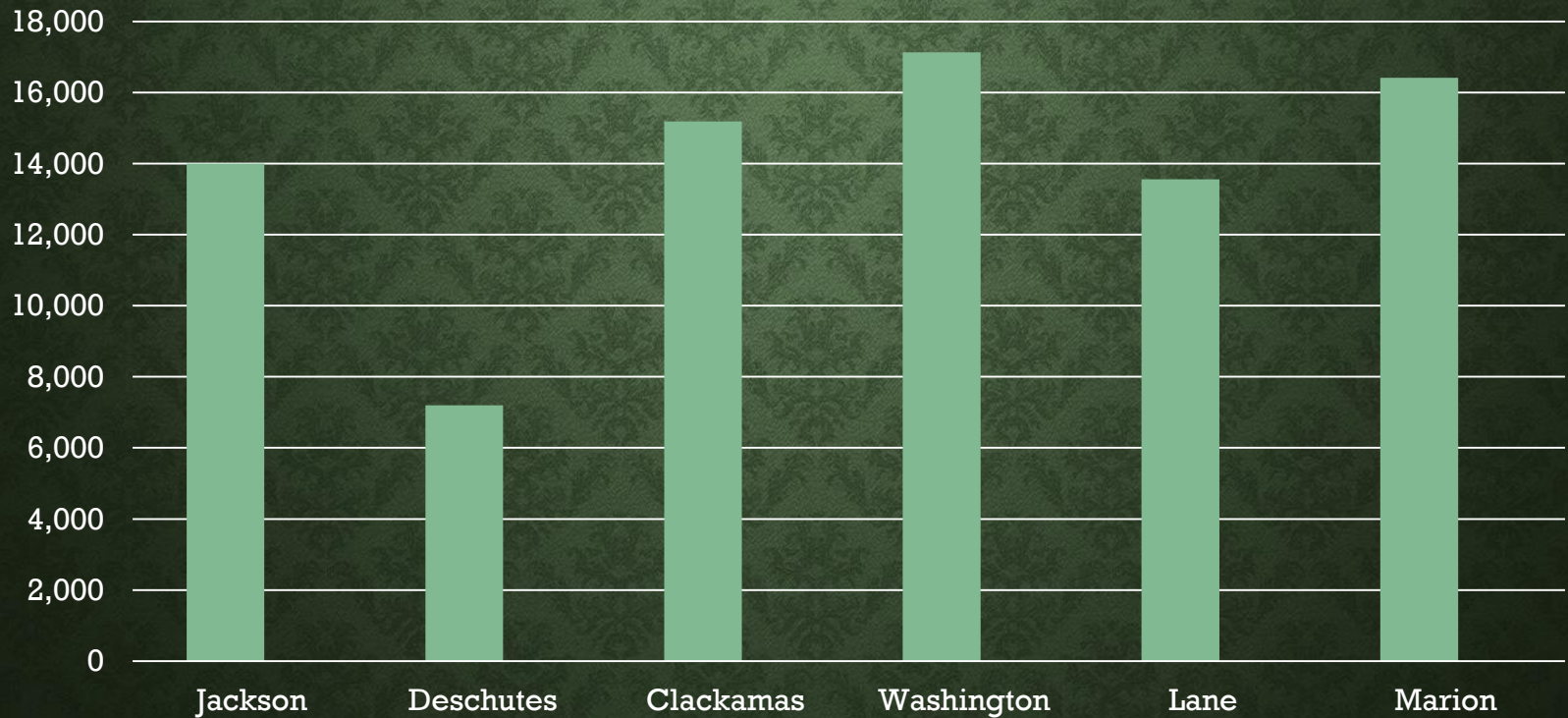
- National Institute of Corrections.
- Jail Inspection reports.
- Criminal Justice partnerships.
- Inmates are housed in a safe and constitutionally sound jail.
- Facility is well cared for.
- Staff is professional.

POPULATION COMPARISON

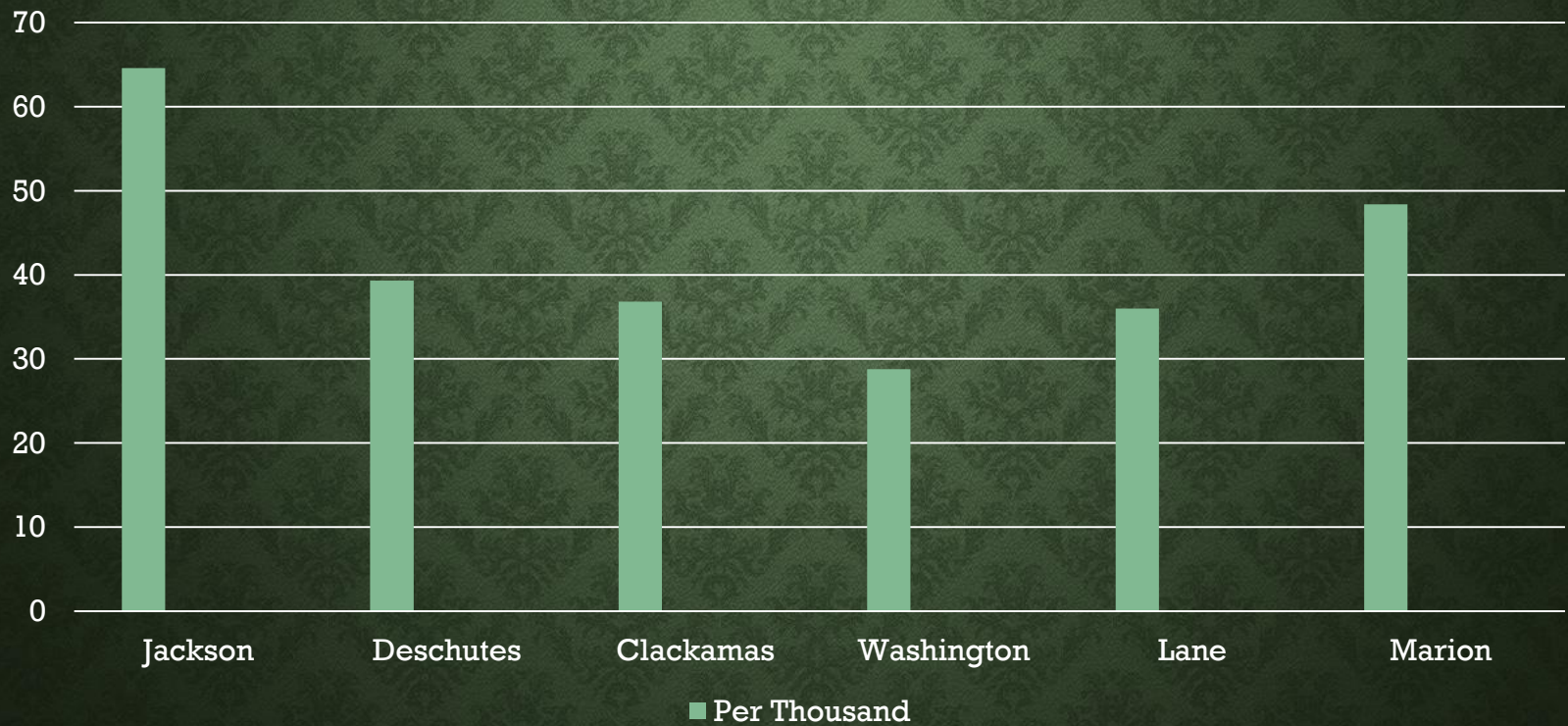
- Jackson County – 217k
- Deschutes County – 185k
- Clackamas County – 413k
- Washington County – 595k
- Lane County – 370k
- Marion County – 340k

HOW DOES OUR VALLEY COMPARE

Bookings

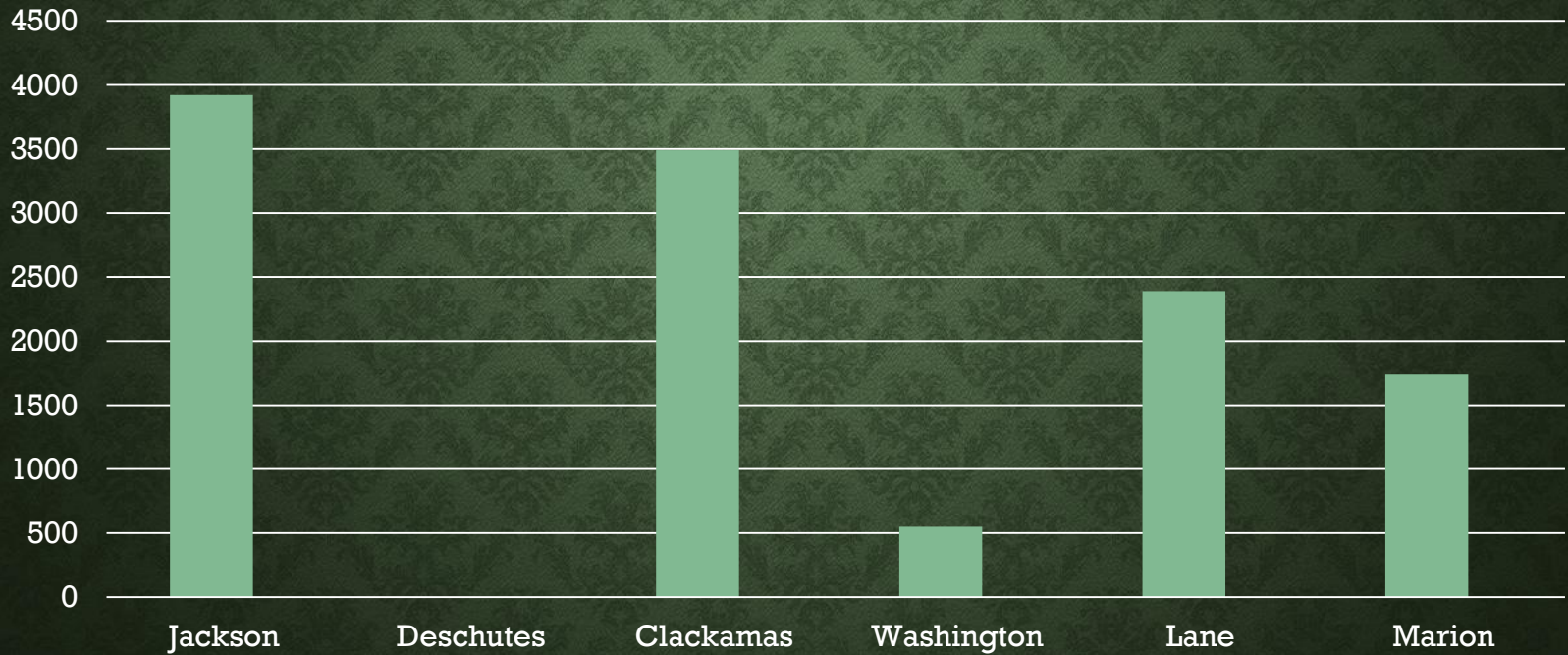


BOOKINGS PER 1000



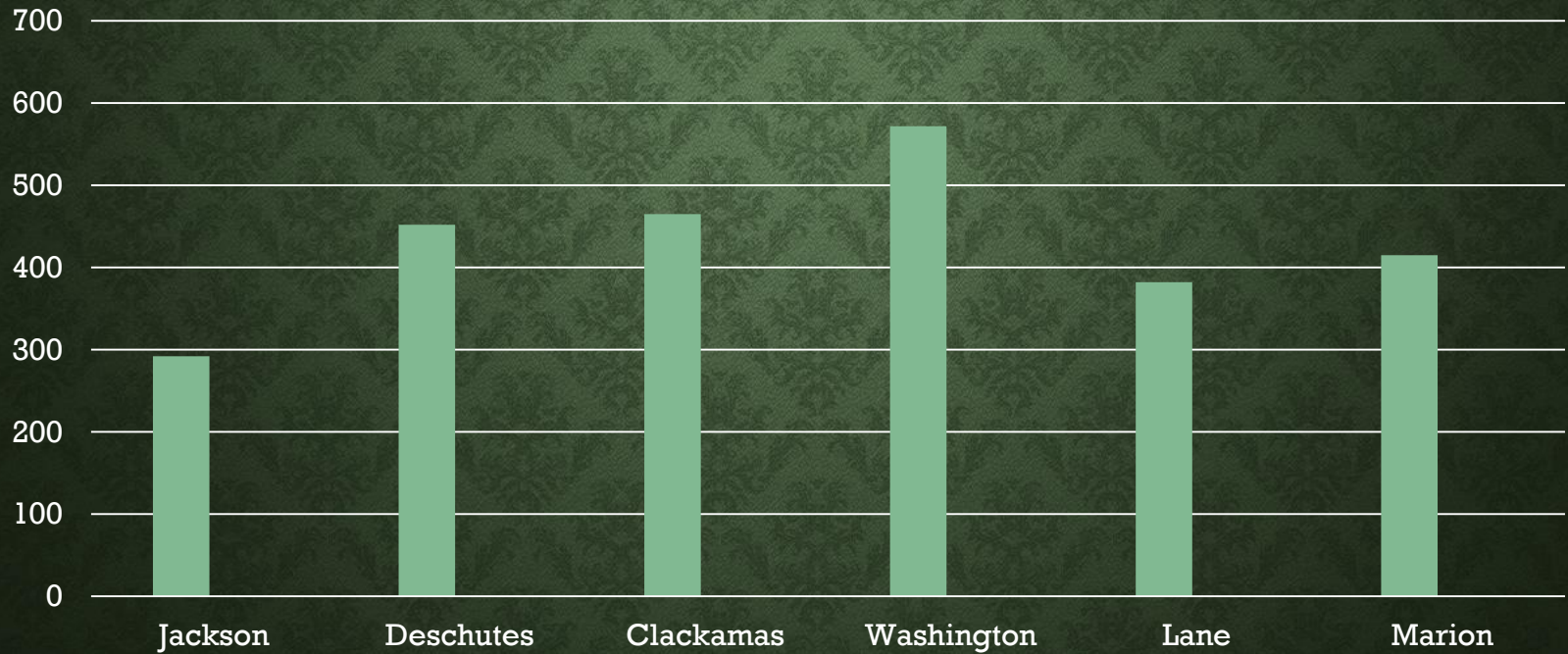
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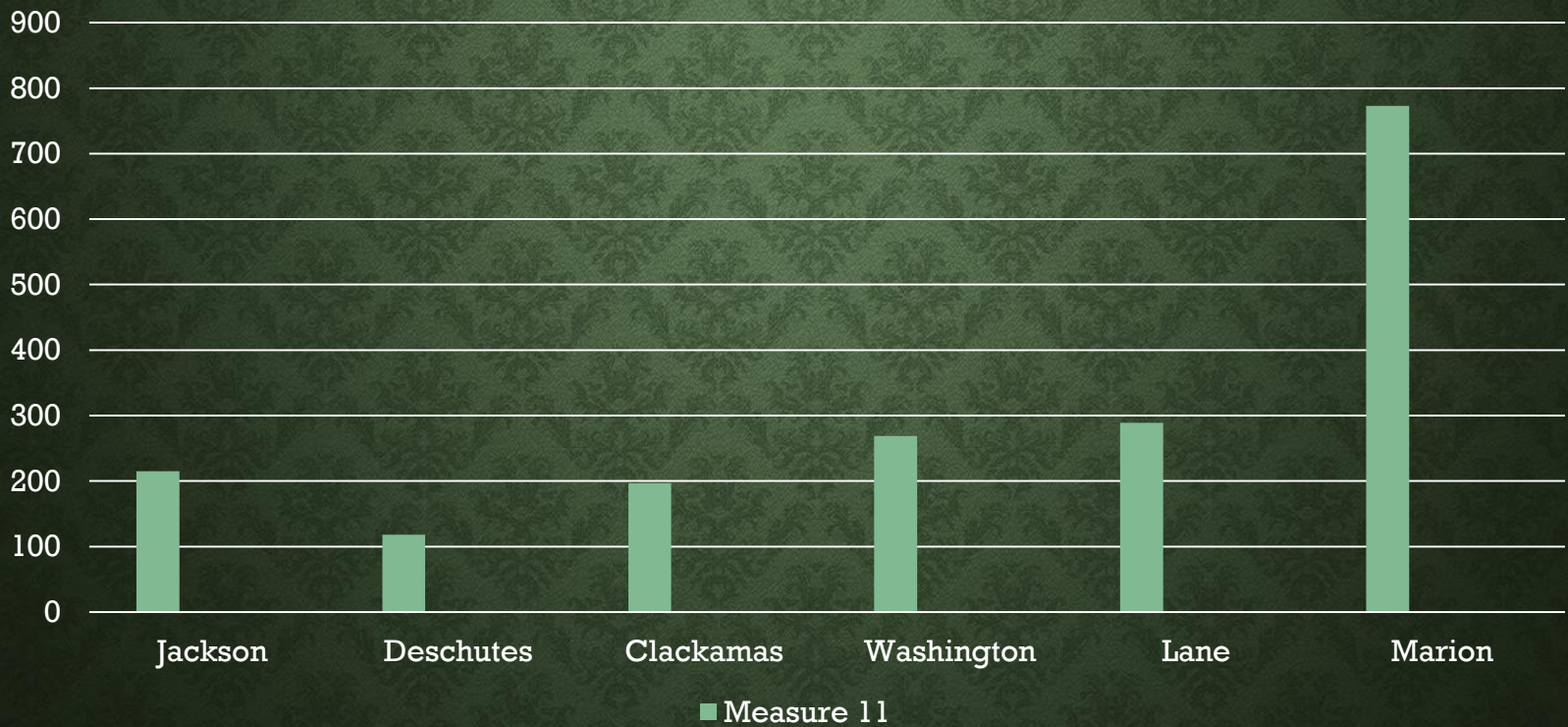


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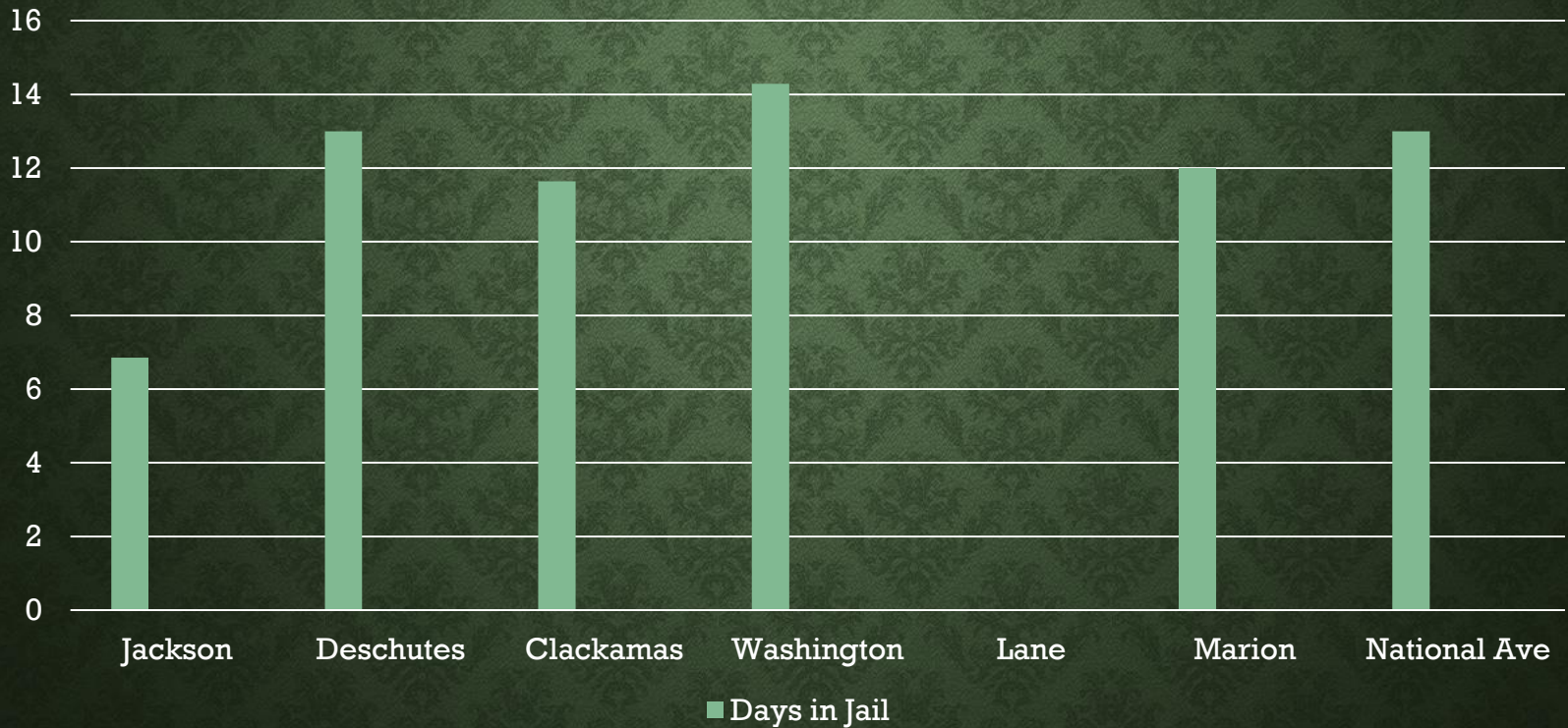
Bed Capacity



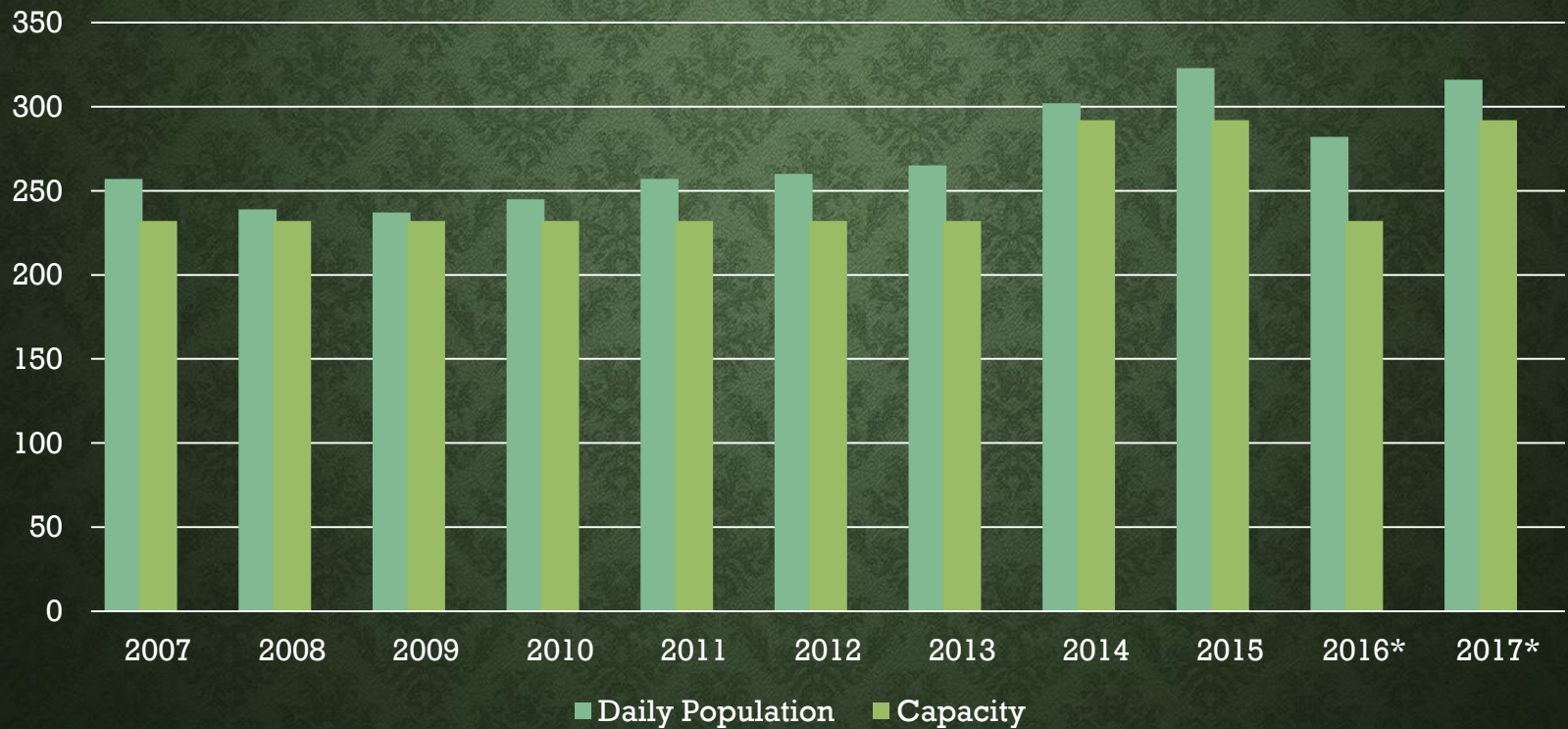
MEASURE 11 LODGINGS



AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY



AVERAGE DAILY POPULATION



REPEAT OFFENDERS



HOW DOES THIS AFFECT JAIL OPERATIONS

- Classification issues/housing inmates.
- Psychological effect on staff due to work load and other factors.
 - Records/Deputies/Admin Staff
- Mental Health issues are exacerbated.
 - Not enough adequate housing
- Reduced officer and inmate safety.
 - Constant moving of inmates/potential use of force

HOW DOES THIS IMPACT THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM IN THE VALLEY

- Jackson County Sheriff's Office
- Medford Police Department
- Ashland Police Department
- Central Point Police Department
- Talent Police Department
- Phoenix Police Department
- Mental Health/Alcohol and Drug Treatment
- Community Justice and Jackson County Courts
- Defense Attorney's – Public and Private

- Offenders cannot be held accountable – little truth in Sentencing
- Increase in Property Crimes – JCSO approximately 80% Burglary from 16 to 17.
- Increase in Calls for Service, Increase work load,
- Less time for Pro-Active/Discretionary patrol time.
- Substantial increase in Warrants over the last several years – Nearly double for JCSO and MPD.
- Civil Papers, subpoenas increase.
- Inability to effectively treat those with addiction issues and mental health illnesses.

- Officer Safety Implications – Eludes, Resist arrest.
- Broken Window Theory.
- Cite and release used frequently in Lieu of custody.
- Offenders less likely to engage in programs
 - Mental Health/Community Justice/A&D
- No space in current facility to facilitate ideal group or individual treatment.
- Defendants generate multiple cases before they can come to resolution – diminishing opportunities for programs – increasing prison as a end result.

- Sanctions are shorter due to lack of space.
 - Potentially shorter cycles between recidivism or the ability for programs to have desired effect.
- Cases move through system much faster when unreliable clients are in jail.
- Public Trust and Perception.

MISCONCEPTIONS/FREQUENTLY MENTIONED SUGGESTIONS

- Using already existing structure/retro-fitting another building to be a jail.
- Rent beds from Josephine County
 - Need funding
- Use Talent facility as jail space again.
- Gas Tax to fund/Marijuana Tax to fund.

WHAT ARE WE DOING CURRENTLY

- Chronic Fail To Appear Initiative.
- In process of finding effective ways to link offenders with services.
 - Night time capacity increase.
- Looking for ways to reduce costs and move forward with a new jail.
- Public Education
- Collaboration

THANK YOU

- Questions?