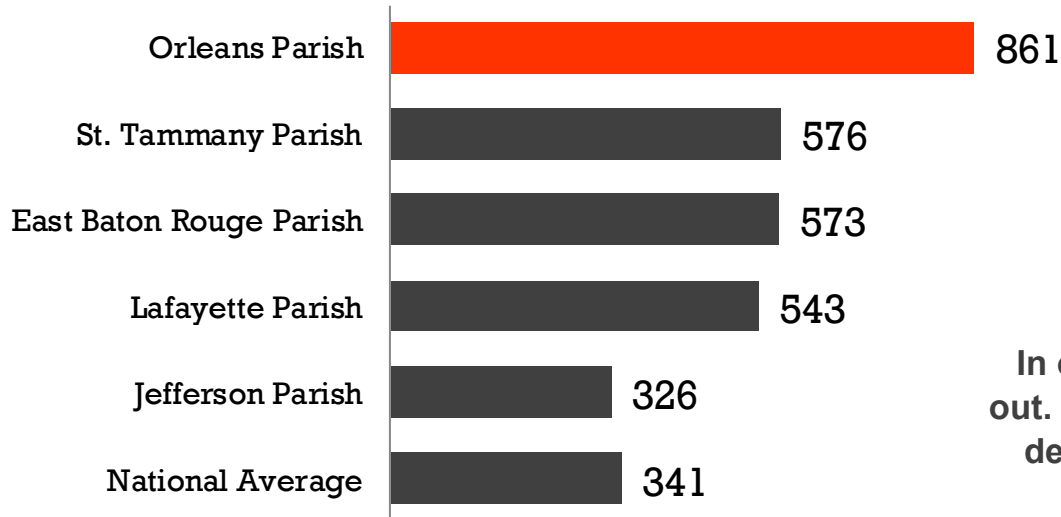


NEW ORLEANS HAS A **PROBLEM** WITH OVER-USE OF JAILS

Orleans Parish Detention Rate vs. Other Parishes

(Number of people in jail for every 100,000 residents)



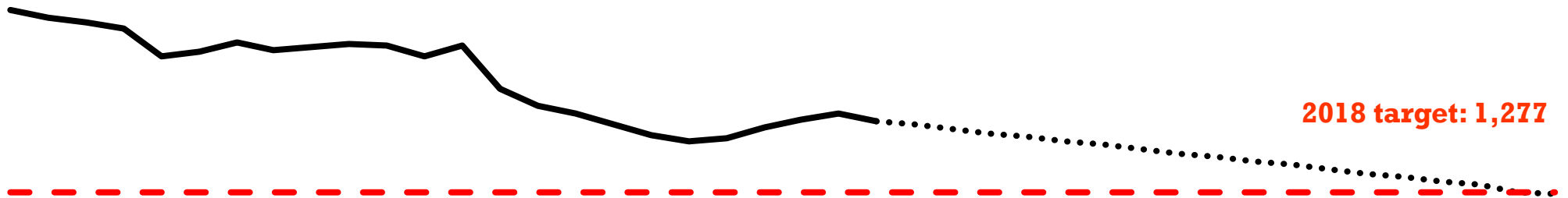
Local jails are built to hold people who are too dangerous to release while waiting for trial or a “flight risk” for not coming back to court.

Overuse of detention disrupts families and communities. It can lead to higher re-arrest rates and worse case outcomes than for defendants who are released pretrial.

In our current system, bail amount determines who gets out. We need to make release decisions based on the risk defendants pose to public safety and make sure no one stays in jail because of their inability to pay.

While we have seen the jail population decrease, there is still work to do.

2016 population: 1,560



In April 2016, New Orleans received \$1.5 million from the MacArthur Foundation to put **a plan into action** that will address the main drivers of local detention



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New Orleans' PLAN TO REDUCE THE JAIL POPULATION



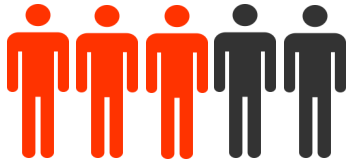
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45%

of individuals in jail
are estimated to have
a mental illness



Stop using detention as a stand-in
for mental health treatment and
connect individuals who need help
to services



3/5 defendants
have multiple
cases across
courts



Hire a “jail facilitator” to make sure
individuals don’t slip through the
cracks

2,303

individuals
booked into the
jail on a failure-to-
appear warrant



Decrease the number of people who
have warrants for missing court and
end up back in jail

47%

of lower risk felony
defendants are still
in jail 3 days after
arrest



Release more “low risk” defendants
sooner after arrest—people who are
likely to come back to court and not
get re-arrested

90

days probationers
sit in jail when they
get arrested on new
charges



Cut down the amount of time that
arrested probationers and parolees
sit in jail

58%

of City vs. Jail
population that is
African-
American



Develop ways to reduce racial and
ethnic disparities throughout key
decision points

87%



Successful reform must
involve the community
members whose lives will
be impacted



Include community voices at the
table to increase transparency and
hold the system accountable

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